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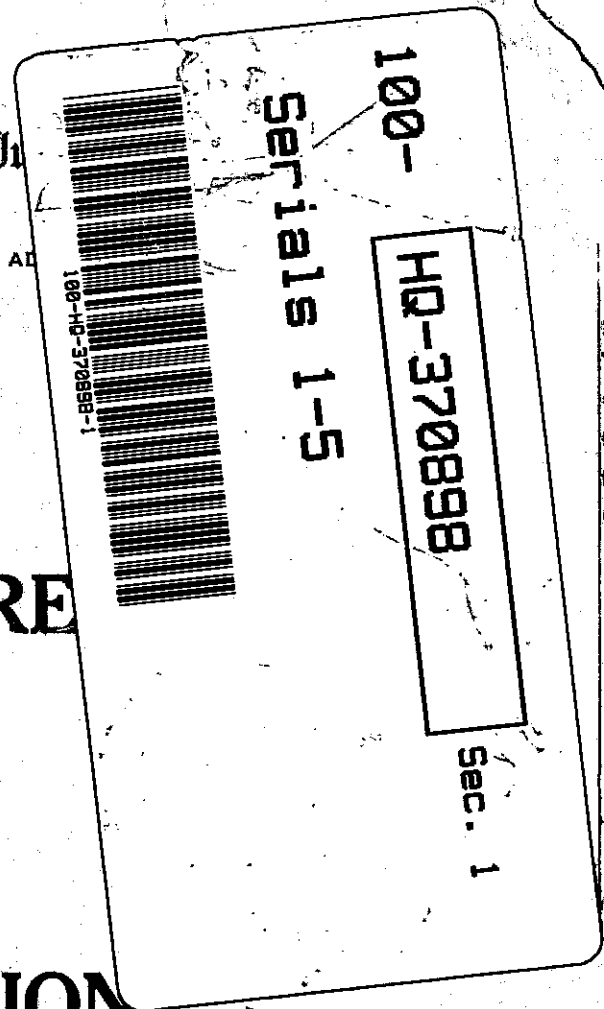
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SAC, New York

October 18, 1950

Director, FBI

RAY LEV

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Your file [redacted]

Bureau file 100-370898

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Information was received from [redacted] by memorandum dated July 12, 1950, to the effect that Miss Ray Lev was reported to be in close touch with Paul Robeson and was known to Irving Potash. She was described as a concert pianist presently on a European tour.

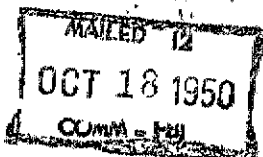
You are requested to conduct a security type investigation to determine the subject's background and activities.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum containing information appearing in Bureau files relative to this subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 8, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: RE: RAY LEV (LOUIS BUDENZ 400)
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LOUIS F. BUDENZ, formerly managing editor of the "Daily Worker" and a Communist Party functionary until he broke with the Party in October, 1945 has been interviewed during the past few months concerning the concealed Communists whom he knew. The person named above as the subject of this case, was one of those individuals whom BUDENZ described as a concealed Communist. BUDENZ describes a concealed Communist as one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Party.

BUDENZ advised SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR. on July 1, 1950 of all he knew concerning the subject that he felt was pertinent, and he dictated this information to a stenographer of this office, who was present during the interview.

He used, in order to bring out all he knew about the subject, the following set of questions. He considered all questions in connection with this subject. Where he did not comment on some particular question as to the activity of the subject, then it is because he had no knowledge. If he recalled anything about the subject as a result of these questions he dictated what he knew. The questions are as follows:

1. Identify individual
 - a. If observed a description and other identifying data;
 - b. If not seen, enough descriptive data about individual to positively identify him or her;
 - c. Any aliases
2. Narrate how he knows individual as a Communist
 - a. If seen at a closed meeting, get date, place and persons present at meeting;
 - b. If told officially that individual was a Communist, who said it, what were the circumstances, and who was present;
 - c. Relate all occasions when he met or heard of individual as Communist.
3. Documents
 - a. Did individual ever write anything that might be considered Communist literature.
 1. For "Daily Worker", "New Masses", "Political Affairs", any front publications or other publications.

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Was individual active in front organizations.

- a. Which organizations
- b. How active was individual

5. Espionage

Was individual ever involved in secret work;

What work;

Who knew it;

Did individual ever do any special work for party.

6. Is individual still active or sympathetic toward Party.

7. Can you recall any trips abroad particularly to Russia and the approximate date of the trips? Can you recall the nature of the trips.

8. Did you ever hear that he had attended any of the training schools in Russia?

9. Did this subject appear to have entree to the Russian Consulate or did he receive special consideration and attention from known Russian Agents or Communist Officials in U.S.?

10. Is the subject working for the U.S. Government or is he affiliated in any way in Confidential Government work at this time?

11. Did this individual have military training, Abraham Lincoln Brigade, U.S. Army, other service?

12. Was this individual employed in vital industry?

13. Do you know any other members of his family who are Communists?

14. Do you know of any other activity on the part of the individual which would indicate that the individual is a concealed Communist?

Additional questions were asked as a result of his answers to the above questions in order to fully develop his information.

Letter to Director

Attached is a blind memorandum dictated by LOUIS F. BUDENZ and containing all the pertinent information concerning the subject which BUDENZ could presently recollect.

The original of each memo has been reviewed by Mr. BUDENZ and he has made any necessary corrections and he has signed the original. The signed original of each memo is being retained in the confidential informant file of LOUIS F. BUDENZ, [REDACTED]

Since the individuals such as the subject of this case are, according to BUDENZ, concealed Communists and since they are, in most instances, persons of some prominence; it is suggested that if the information appearing in the attached blind memo is reported, then Mr. BUDENZ should be given a temporary confidential informant symbol.

For the information of the Bureau the subject is one of the 400 concealed Communists whom BUDENZ stated he knew. The names of these concealed Communists were sent to the Bureau in the case captioned "Communist Party, USA, Internal Security - C".

RAY LEV

Concert pianist.

Although I had heard before 1943 that RAY LEV was an adherent of the Communist Party, I was specifically advised of that by ROSE WORTIS and JACK STACHEL in that year. This official information was given me in connection with LEV's aid to the defense of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, instructor at City College of New York, who was convicted of perjury for swearing that he was not a Communist.

During the two years subsequent to 1943, JACK STACHEL advised me officially several times that RAY LEV was under Communist discipline. That continued until I left the Party.

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ENCLOSURE

100-370898-1

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont

September 29, 1950

Re: RAY LEV

Our files reflect that no investigation has been conducted concerning Ray Lev. Information set out below has been received from various sources. The following information was received from a source of unknown reliability.

Ray Lev was born at Rostov-On-Don in Southeast Russia on May 8, 1912. Her parents were Moses Elihu Lev and Debora Lev. She came to the United States on a visit with her parents in 1913 and because of the outbreak of World War I did not return to Russia. Ray Lev resided with her parents first in New Haven, Connecticut and later in Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Rochester, New York. During the latter part of 1926 her family returned to Brooklyn, New York and shortly thereafter Ray Lev won a scholarship to the Music School Settlement. While a student there Ray Lev attended the James Madison High School in Brooklyn.

After two and one-half years of high school Ray Lev left to prepare for a scholarship offered by the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society Scholarship Committee. In competition at Yale University she won the Society's award and spent the summers of 1927, 1928 and 1929 at East Blue Hill, Maine. As the result of another award for her music she studied in England until the end of 1933. She subsequently returned to America where she played as a pianist with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in 1936. She has subsequently appeared in many piano concerts and with numerous orchestras.

During 1941 Ray Lev was listed as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Guild of Musical Artists and Honorary President of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society Scholarship Winners, as well as a member of the American Matthey Association. She has been a donor to composition prizes for the International Society for Contemporary Music.

cc: Legal Attache, London, England

cc: Foreign Service Desk

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Ray Lev has been described as follows: 5 feet 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; light brown eyes, and reddish brown hair.

A source believed reliable advised that on May 1, 1945 a directive was sent to all clubs and branches in the greater New York area by the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association. This directive announced the celebration which was to be held on Sunday afternoon, May 6th, at the Golden Gate Ballroom to pay tribute to Ben Davis, a member of the New York City Council and Communist Political Association. Among the outstanding artists to take part in this affair was Ray Lev. (N.Y. let to Director dated 3-16-48, [redacted])

On the evening of November 19, 1945 a dinner was held in the grand ballroom of the Plaza Hotel, New York City, by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship for the purpose of raising funds to defray expenses of having the Dean of Canterbury visit the United States as a guest of the National Council. Among those present at the dinner and seated at the speaker's table was Ray Lev, pianist. This information was furnished by a source of unknown reliability. (Unidentified source, N.Y. Let dated 12-4-45 re Natl Council of Amn.-Soviet Friend-

On May 22, 1947, a source of known reliability advised that ship, Inc., ISR, Ray Lev was among the known members of the Communist Party within the American Guild of Musical Artists. (100-340922-83, p.17)

On May 14, 1948, an informant advised that Ray Lev was a self-admitted member of the Communist Party. (100-332113-20)

The Daily News (believed in New York City) of May 4, 1948, in an editorial captioned "32 Artists Versus Uncle Sam," stated that the "Moscow Literary Gazette" in its May 2nd issue printed an unusual document. According to the editorial, twelve leading Russian artists and writers had recently written an open letter demanding to know whether the United States intellectuals favored America or Russia in the "cold war." The editorial noted that the article appearing in the "Moscow Literary Gazette" on May 2nd was an answer to this open letter. The News editorial stated that in the open letter thirty-two Americans modestly admitted that they were artists and intellectuals and stated that they favor the Russians in the cold war. They thereafter accused the United States capitalists of killing off the freedom of speech of the intelligentsia. Ray Lev was one of the signers of this letter. (100-327116, p.38, NY report dated 11-17-49 re Howard Melvin Fast., wa., I

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The House Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated April 19, 1949 entitled "Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace," revealed that Ray Lev has been affiliated with the following organizations which have been declared by the Attorney General as Communist organizations and coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835: Civil Rights Congress; International Workers Order; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; People's Radio Foundation, Inc. and American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. (HCUA Report of 4-19-49)

An informant believed reliable, during an interview on April 21, 1950, advised that Ray Lev was a member of the Communist Party who had attempted to keep her actual membership in this organization a secret.

(Louis F. Budenz - 100-3-3297)

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July 11, 1950

Ray LEV

May we please have a record check on the above named. We are advised that Ray LEV was born in Russia, is now a United States citizen and resides at 140 West 69th Street, New York City.

In a report which has been received by us, the reliability of which we are unable to assess, it is stated that Miss LEV is in close touch with Paul Robeson and was known to Irving Potash. We understand that Miss LEV is a very fine concert pianist and is presently on a European trip.

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SUMMARY OF FILE REFERENCES

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This summary includes material obtained from a review of all "See" references identified with the subject. All references which are identical or probably identical have been included. Possible identical references, that is, those references where there is insufficient data to reject or include the references, have been listed at the end of this summary.

Reviewers

Mary Filler
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Supervisor

J. G. Landis

Joseph H. Landis

Approved

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CC: Internal Security

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LEV, RAY May 8, 1912 - Pianist
Address: b. c/o W. Colston Leigh, Inc., 521
5th Ave., New York 17; h. 140 W. 69th St.,
New York 23

"At her best," wrote the New York Times of Ray Lev, who is considered to have a place among young American pianists of first rank, "she is a (performer) of rare artistry, with refreshing vitality and musical feeling in her playing." Miss Lev made her debut in England in 1931, her American debut in 1933. Since then she has appeared in recitals and concerts on the Continent and in Canada, and regularly on the American concert stage as a soloist or in concerts with symphony orchestras. The pianist is known for her willingness to play the works of new composers.

Ray Lev was born in Rostov-on-Don, in southeast Russia, on May 8, 1912, one of two daughters of Moses Elihu and Debora Lev. Both her parents were singers: her father had studied with Vassilenko, and before achieving eminence as a cantor, he was a colleague of Feodor Chaliapin; her mother was an amateur singer. The Levs came to the United States on a visit when Ray was a year old. Because of the outbreak of World War I, they did not return to Russia but took up residence in America, first living in New Haven, Connecticut. Later, until 1927, Moses Lev's cantoral posts were to take the family to Manhattan and Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Rochester, and again to New Haven. The Lev home during this period was "open house" for visiting cantors. Ray Lev displayed musical ability at the age of eight when she sang, "by ear," in her father's choir. Learning to read notes, she has stated, came easily to her. On her thirteenth birthday she was taken to a Paderewski recital in New Haven, an event that inspired her to announce that she wanted to become a pianist.

Ray Lev's career has been called an "old-fashioned success story," an example of an unusual natural talent which has been developed into high artistry. Her first piano lessons were given to her by Walter Ruel Cowles, in New Haven. At the end of 1926 her family returned to Brooklyn, and shortly afterward the young girl won a scholarship to the Music School Settlement, where promising young musicians obtain a musical education regardless of their financial status. While a student there, Miss Lev also attended the James Madison High School in Brooklyn—because of "economic pressure" she took its commercial course. She won a typing prize in her first term at James Madison, and was school pianist for social occasions. In the meantime, after studying at the music school for several months, where her teacher was Rebecca Davidson, she was invited to play for Ernest Schelling, who advised her to prepare for the concert stage.

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After two and a half years of high school, Ray Lev left to prepare for a scholarship offered by the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society Scholarship Committee. In competition with contestants from every State, at Yale University, Miss Lev won the society's award, and spent the summers of 1927, 1928, and 1929 at East Blue Hill, Maine, as a pupil of Gaston Dethier. As a result of the scholarship, she was able to devote all her time to music. During the New York Music Week Festival in 1929, Miss Lev won two gold medals - for piano playing and for piano sight reading. She then prepared, with Helen Diedrich, for the one-thousand-dollar American Matthay Prize, which provided for study in London with Tobias Matthay, the noted English teacher of the piano. Miss Lev won the award in 1930, in September of the year beginning her studies. With a supplementary grant from the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society Scholarship Committee, she was able to extend her musical studies in England until the end of 1933. In piano competition in London, in 1930, the artist won an exhibition prize and a gold medal.

Early in 1931 Miss Lev made her debut at an Eastbourne Music Festival in England, on that occasion playing a Tchaikovsky concerto with Sir Landon Ronald's orchestra. This was followed a year later by her first orchestral appearance in London, at Wigmore Hall. In 1933 she gave two command performances, at 10 Downing Street, the residence of the Prime Minister, under the patronage of members of the royal family. Before leaving England she appeared in concerts and in solo performances with various orchestras in the British provinces, and gave recitals on the British Broadcasting Corporation network. She had also appeared, while still a student, in leading European cities (for example, she played for Bruno Walter in Berlin in 1932) and was said by a number of leading critics on the Continent to be a "player of great musical imagination."

Miss Lev made her American debut at Carnegie Hall late in 1933, when she played a Tchaikovsky concerto with the National Orchestral Association under Leon Barzin. Her first solo recital was given in Town Hall in New York on March 17, 1934. In his review of this latter performance, Lawrence Gilman wrote in the New York Herald Tribune that Miss Lev "did impressive things with her hands and also with her brain, her imagination, and musical sensibilities." A month later she returned to Europe for the first of a series of annual six-month tours that continued until 1938 and took her to a number of countries. Miss Lev made her first guest appearance with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra on March 1, 1936, in a performance of the Beethoven C Minor Concerto, and in July of the following year she appeared for the first time at Lewisohn Stadium in New York, playing a Schumann concerto under the baton of Fritz Reiner.

On March 24, 1941, Ray Lev made another appearance in New York's Carnegie Hall. "There was refreshing vitality and musical feeling in her playing," wrote Olin Downes in the New York Times. "One of her finest accomplishments was the performance of the Schumann Davidsbundlertanze. That Miss Lev can sustain a melodic line with a rich singing tone and concentration of thought was shown nowhere more strikingly than in the middle part of the Chopin Fantasy." Commenting on the same performance, Musical America felt that "at times, in climactic passages, Miss Lev's playing became turbid and hurried. The Busoni arrangement of Bach's Chaconne was performed eloquently and with ample power (she) realized the sweep and great line of the work."

Miss Lev has made extensive tours of the United States and Canada on which the conductors were Eugene Goossens, Vladimir Goldschmann, Fabien Sevitzky, Alfred Wallenstein, Hans Lange, Saul Caston, and George K. Raudenbush. She has given radio performances, and in chamber music recitals has played with the Budapest String Quartet, the Guilet Quartet, the Gordon Quartet, the Hart House Quartet, and the Paganini Quartet. On November 9, 1945, in a Carnegie Hall program marked "equally by imagination, good taste, and unconventionality," the pianist played works by two young women composers. Her programs have also continued to recognize compositions by contemporary and new composers, in many instances marking their first performances. The New York Herald Tribune pointed out that she "has been taking up the cause, these years, of young composers with very few or no opportunities to be heard, and she is quite strict in excluding many who have had even the most modest recognition, especially recognition from other pianists."

The pianist was accompanist for the ballet Summer Day by Jerome Robbins, which opened, under the sponsorship of the American-Soviet Music Society, at the New York City Center on May 13, 1947. Writing in the New York Times (December 3, 1947), John Martin said of Miss Lev that she "casually and sympathetically enters into the spirit of the whole thing." In November 1948 she gave her tenth solo recital at Carnegie Hall; as of that date she had made twenty-three appearances there. A month later, in a recital at Jonathan Edwards College of Yale University, Miss Lev was assisted by Artie Shaw, who made his debut in classical music in a performance with the pianist of the Sonata for Clarinet and Piano, by Paul Hindemith.

Miss Lev has made many recordings, among them Brahms's Sonata in C Major, Prokofiev's Summer Day Suite, the Schubert "Unfinished" Sonata, the Vivaldi-Bach Concerto (Miss Lev's arrangement), and, for the 1948-49 season, the Ernest Bloch sonata, three Tchaikovsky recordings, Shostakovich's Children's Records, and various works of Bach, including the Organ Prelude and Fugue in D. She arranged the songs in A Treasury of Stephen Foster,

published in 1946. During World War II the pianist established the war savings stamp concert assemblies in the public schools of New York City - she has received a number of citations and awards for performances and services in behalf of the war effort. She played in military hospitals and installations; and for a performance for the benefit of Chinese war orphans, the Institute of Pacific Relations presented her with an award.

Miss Lev is on the board of governors of the American Guild of Musical Artists, is honorary president of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society Scholarship Winners, Inc., and is a member of the advisory board of the Music School Settlement and of the Metropolitan Music School (New York). A member of the American Matthey Association and the Musicians Union (AFL), Local 802, she is also an honorary member of the fire department of St. John's, New Brunswick. She has been a donor to composition prizes for the International Society for Contemporary Music, for the scholarship fund for the Greenwich House Music School, and for the composition prizes of the Lado Club. She is an independent in politics.

The pianist has been described as a friendly young woman with a direct, natural manner; she is five feet two and a half inches tall and has light brown eyes and reddish-brown hair. Miss Lev is a collector of paintings by American artists and of coins, stamps, and old china. Her recreations are ping-pong and swimming, and she enjoys concerts, operas, good films, and reading.

References:

N. Y. Herald Tribune Mr 24 '41 por
N. Y. World-Telegram Mr 22 '41 por
Ewen, D. ed. Living Musicians (1940)

"Current Biography," Vol. 10, No. 1,
page 33, for January, 1949.

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SI 100-356137-514

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The name Ray Lev of New York City is included among the sponsors of the African Aid Committee.

The African Aid Committee is a committee within the Council on African Affairs formed for the purpose of raising additional funds to support the Council on African Affairs.


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JGL:ijh

An anonymous communication entitled, "Committee of the Arts and Sciences Office, Hotel Astor, New York City" states "we are not going to say that every person on this list is a Communist (# 3) but we do say that the entire outfit are hooked up with the real Red leaders that make up this high tone Red group."


Among the individuals on the list referred to above is the name Ray Lev.

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JGL:dh

A letter was sent to Dr. F. C. Weiskoff, Czechoslovak Embassy, Washington, D. C., soliciting his appearance at the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, March 25, 26, and 27, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, under the auspices of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. Dr. Harlow Shapley was chairman. Ray Lev was listed as one of the sponsors.

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Memo to Director dated 3/21/40.
Re: "National Council of Arts,
Sciences and Professions; IS-C."
100-356137-432
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JGL:ilw

It was announced that Mr. and Mrs. M. Lincoln Schuster were giving a reception at their home, 11 East 73rd Street, for the friends and sponsors of Russian War Relief (subject of an Internal Security - C investigation) to meet Lord and Lady Marley on December 12th. Lord Marley was Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, who was to speak on the aid that the British people were giving to Russia.

Miss Ray Lev, well known pianist was to play several selections.

"News from Russian War Relief, Inc."
released December 6th or 7th, 1941
100-37226-53X10
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On February 13, 1942, a greater New York physician's dinner was held for Russian War Relief on the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Among the individuals present at this dinner was Ray Lev.

Source not given.

New York letter to Director,
3-21-42, entitled "Russian War
Relief, Incorporated,
Internal Security - C."
100-37226-76
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JGL:lp

The "Daily Worker" newspaper of June 2, 1942 carried an article on page 1 entitled "Churchmen, School Leaders ~~Rap~~ Biddle". This article carried statements and copies of protest wires which had been released by the Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges in protest to Bridges deportation. Among the statements was one from Ray Lev, pianist, which stated "The decision if put into effect will be a blow to the war effort on the West Coast, whereas the Board of Appeals decision it reverses was a victory for labor and for justice."

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Ray Lev, Dorothy Sarnoff and others were to perform at a luncheon to be given by the Women's Committee of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief, on February 2, 1943, at the Hotel Commodore (New York City). The luncheon was to honor four Russian sailors, whose ship was at that time in American waters.

"Daily Worker" issue for
2-1-43, article Re: "Soviet
Seamen to be Honored."
100-184445-1
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JGL:ilw

On November 17, 1943, Sydney Cohen Skolsky, 673 Hudson Avenue, Albany, New York received a communication with the return address R. Lev, 140 West 69th Street, New York 23, New York.

"At the time the above information was originally reported, it was parenthically stated "This apparently is Ray Lev, concert pianist, who recently gave a concert in Albany, New York, which was partially sponsored by Sydney Skolsky").

Mail Cover on a residence
of Sydney Cohen Skolsky
673 Hudson Avenue,
Albany, New York.
Albany Report, 4-17-44
Entitled "Sydney Cohen
Skolsky
with aliases Syd, Sadie,
Sally Parker
Security Matter-C"
100-299319-1X
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SI 100-299319-1X2
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JGL:dar

The American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists, Incorporated, was formed in late 1943, to propagandize for the Communist Party line under the disguise of unity among Jewish people against Fascism and Nazism. On February 14, 1945, this committee held a dinner at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, where the project of publishing a "Jewish black book" was announced and the financial drive for this publication was officially launched.

The purpose of the "Jewish black book" was to graphically portray the atrocities committed by the Nazis during the war against the Jews in the various European countries. Among the sponsors for the dinner where the financial drive was launched was Ray Lev.

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Letter to Director FBI
from SAC New York, 3-28-45,
entitled "Jewish Black Book."
105-5755-2
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JGL:lp3lih

Ray Lev, pianist, was one of a group of educator, religious, labor and civic leaders to communicate with the President in behalf of freeing Mrs. Earl Browder of deportation charges.

"Daily Worker", 3-21-44.
39-878-A
(7)

JGL:ema

Ray Lev, pianist, was one of the entertainers to participate in the celebration of Paul Robeson's 46th birthday held at the 17th Regiment Armory, Sunday night, April 16, 1944.

"Daily Worker", 4-18-44
100-12304-A
(7)

JGL:ema

On June 17, 1944, a concert was held at the studio of Mrs. George Skolsky, 1005 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York. The announced purpose of this concert was to raise funds for Russian Refugee Relief, but an informant has advised that the major share of the money raised was to go for the national fund drive of the Communist Political Association.

Approximately 300 people were in attendance at this concert and the artist was Miss Ray Lev.

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[REDACTED] Communist Party member for investigative purposes. Albany report, 6-30-44, Re: George Skolsky, was, George H. Skolsky, Joe Hersik, Security Matter-C 100-299319-3 (7) SI 100-3-5-189 (Rae Lev) (1) SI 100-247071-5 (Rae Lev) (1) SI 100-226300-6 (Rea Lev) (10)

JGL:dh:lih

On July 1, 1944, a "Fiesta" was held at the home of William Gropper (cartoonist - artist and key figure in the Communist Party), Croton-on-the-Hudson, New York. The Fiesta was a benefit for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Ray Lev, concert pianist, was among those appearing on the program.

Daily Worker, issues dated 7-1-44

and 7-4-44

New York report dated 8-11-44

Re: "William Victor Gropper,
Internal Security - C"

100-66809-7

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JGL:dvw

The "Daily Worker" of July 13, 1944, announced a series of dances held by the Young Artists League at 13 Astor Place, New York City. Another dance was held at the Henry Hudson Hotel on November 22, 1944, at which Zero Mastel, Arlene Francis, Mildred Bailey, Ray Lev and Arlene Carman were scheduled to appear.

NY report, 2-20-45, Re:
"Artists League of America, aka;
IS-C."
100-127710-2
(8)

JGL:ema

On July 19, 1944, the Bookshop Association of Baltimore, Inc. whose membership contained a large number of members of the Office section of the Communist Political Association in Baltimore, sponsored the first of a series of midsummer night concerts in conjunction with the Baltimore Museum of Art. The concert was an all-Russian concert and featured Ray Lev, pianist, Ray Porter Miller, and the Jefferson string quartet. This meeting was attended by a large number of Communist Political Association members.

SA James T. Magher, Baltimore, Md.
Baltimore report, 9-12-44, Re:
"Elizabeth Eilleen Nickerson, aka
Elizabeth Eileen Smith Nickerson,
Elizabeth Eileen Smith, Elizabeth
E. Smith, Betty E. Smith, Betty
Smith, Betty Nickerson, Mrs. Mark
Nickerson; Security Matter - C."
100-330327-6

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SI 100-330327-5

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SI 100-212399-5

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SI 100-24609-26

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A third concert was sponsored by the Bookshop Association of Baltimore, Inc., given at the Baltimore Museum of Art on August 2, 1944, featuring Ray Lev and Ray Porter Miller as repeat performers.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]

Baltimore report, 10-18-44, Re:
"Bookshop Association of Baltimore,
Inc., IS-C, Registration Act."
100-212399-6
(8)

JGL:ema

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In the "New York Sun" of September 27, 1944 and in the "New York Times" of October 9, 1944 there appeared a three-quarter page ad inserted by the Schappes Defense Committee and styled "An Open Letter to Governor Thomas E. Dewey".

The open letter to Governor Dewey demanded that he pardon Morris U. Schappes, who was then serving an 18 to 24 month sentence in prison in New York State arising from the 1940 Rapp-Coudert investigation of subversive activity in the New York City schools.

Among the signers of this letter was Ray Lev, pianist.

New York report, dated 1-8-45
Re: "Schappes Defense Committee,
Internal Security - C"
100-29-87
(8)
SI 100-29-36
(8)

JGL:dwv

1421

In a folder entitled "American Information Center on the USSR" issued by the American Russian Institute, probably in November, 1944, there is set out a list of several hundred names of "distinguished men and women who are endorsing the campaign of the American Russian Institute for funds to permit the expansion of its facilities and services to the American public."

Listed among these names is the name Ray Lev.

Pamphlet entitled "American
Information Center on the USSR".
Memo to the Director FBI, from
SAC San Francisco,* 8-17-45,
entitled "American Russian Institute
for Cultural Relations with the
Soviet Union, Incorporated,
Internal Security - R,
Registration Act."
61-6211-416
(7)

*While the above mentioned letter is stated to come from SAC San Francisco, a review of the letter and of the file reveals that the letter obviously came from SAC New York.

JGL:lp

On December 4, 1944 a dinner was held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee to honor William Gropper, (Morning Freiheit) cartoonist, in the celebration of his 47th birthday. The dinner was the principal fund raising function held in New York City in the month of December and because of Gropper's reputation in Communist circles, considerable effort was expended by the Committee to make the occasion most successful.

Among those listed as sponsors on the program for the dinner was Ray Lev.

Unknown source.

New York report, dated 3-20-45

Re: "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, aka Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, Internal Security - C"
100-7061-894

(9)

JGL:dwv

23

On December 10, 1944, the Baltimore Council of American Soviet Friendship sponsored a mass meeting at the Lyric Theater featuring Senator Joseph Ball of Minnesota, as principal speaker. Lewis Ginsberg, key figure in Baltimore Communist groups, and his wife were observed entering this meeting with Ray Lev (pianist and reported member of the Communist Party) and occupying box seats with her until it was time for her appearance on the program. It was subsequently learned that Ginsberg was a very close friend of Ray Lev and had met her at the railroad station in addition to entertaining her at his home until time for the program.

SA James T. Magher.

[redacted] whose identity is known to Bureau.

Baltimore report, 4-21-45, Re: "Lewis Ginsberg, aka; IS-C."

100-24594-11

(9)

SI 100-342015-1

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

JGL:ema

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Florence Schwartz, Chairman, Communist Political Association Finance Committee and Office Manager of the NMU, was Chairman of Arrangements Committee of Local Council in planning a mass rally on December 10, 1944, featuring Senator Joseph A. Ball, Ray Lev, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Lucian Koch, H. C. McClelland, Lt. F. T. Suehle and Capt. Lt. Alex F. Shutnekov as principal speakers.

[REDACTED]
It was reported by [REDACTED] that Ray Lev was a member of the Communist Political Association.

Baltimore report, 3-26-45, Re:
"Baltimore Council of the
National Council of American Soviet
Friendship, Inc.; IS-C."
100-146964-461
(8)
SI 100-120818-1761
(10)

JGL:ema

The Daily Worker newspaper of December 17, 1944, carried an article entitled "People's Radio Foundation Formed for FM Broadcasting."

This article stated in part "the formation of the People's Radio Foundation, Incorporated, a Stock Corporation, has been approved by the New York State Department, it was announced by Mr. Joseph Brodsky, member of the board of directors, protem and legal representative of the association. The other directors, protem, are Rockwell Kent, Samuel Novick, Leverett Gleason, Corliss Lamont."

The article then set out a list of charter members of the above mentioned organization which was stated to have been established specifically for the purpose of operating an FM radio station in New York. Among the charter members listed in the article was Ray Lev concert pianist.

The article continued by stating "the PRF is set up on the basis of the creation of a community type FM station in which trade unions, people's organizations and progressive leaders in religious, civic, fraternal and community life participate and guide the policies of program and service.

"The People's Radio Foundation is also coordinating the organization of similar community groups in all parts of the country where FM stations may be established locally. The general plan is that these community groups shall include representatives of labor organizations, civic bodies, churches, fraternal societies, educational institutions and other progressive organizations which contribute toward the establishment and financing of the station."

Daily Worker newspaper
dated 12-17-44.

100-337687-A SI 100-326-34-39
(8) (8)

SI-100-337687-25 SI 61-7341-34-210
(9) (8)

SI-100-337687-20
(9)

SI-100-337687-54
(6)

SI-100-337849-1
(8)

SI-100-337687-5
(8)

SI-100-337687-4
(8)

SI-100-337687-2
(7)

SI-61-7341-5-53
(8)

SI-61-7341-34-236X
(9)

SI-61-7341-60-5
(8)

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JGL:lp

In 1945, Ray Lev was listed among the sponsors of the Greek-American Council (formerly the Greek American Committee for National Unity).

News Release, dated February 12, 1945, of the Greek American Council, supplied by [REDACTED]
New York report dated 4-2-45,
Re: "Greek American Council, formerly known as Greek American Committee for National Unity, Internal Security - C."
105-600-28
(8)

JGL:ilw

A letter dated January 6, 1945 on the stationery of "American Youth for a Free World" stated in part "as part of the national wide observance of World Youth Week, March 21 to 28, 1945 with the theme "Youth fights for a lasting peace", the American Youth for a Free World is making arrangements for a World Youth Week meeting at Carnegie Hall on March 21, New York City".

This letter also carried an initial list of sponsors for the World Youth Week meeting to be held March 21, 1945 and among those sponsors was the name Ray Lev, pianist.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh letter to Director FBI
dated February 12, 1945, entitled:
American Youth for a Free World;
Internal Security - C
100-189902-15
(7)

JGL:ijh

28

It has been reported that the "End Jim Crow in Baseball Committee" was organized in the summer of 1945 for the purpose of forcing major league baseball clubs to employ negro baseball players. It has further been reported that this committee was a Communist front organization, and that among its sponsors was Ray Lev.

Anti-Communist Group in
the Actors Equity Association
Memorandum to D. M. Ladd
from J. P. Coyne
7-17-47
Entitled "End Jim Crow in
Baseball Committee"
100-351670-1
(7)
SI 100-3-1324
(9)

JGL:dar:lih

On May 1, 1945 a directive was sent to all clubs and branches in the greater New York area by the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association. This directive announced the celebration which was to be held on Sunday afternoon May 6, at the Golden Gate Ballroom to pay tribute to Ben Davis, a member of the New York City Council and Communist Political Association.

Among the outstanding artists who were scheduled to take part in this affair was Ray Lev.

[redacted]
New York letter to Director, FBI
dated 3-16-48. entitled [redacted]
[redacted]

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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JGL:ijh

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28

A letterhead of the Citizen's Committee for Harry Bridges sponsored by Orson Wells, published shortly after the Committee's organization in New York, lists Miss Ray Lev as among the early sponsors of the Committee.

San Francisco report, 6-1-45, Re:
"Harry Bridges, was., Communist
Activities; Immigration Matter."

39-915-2560

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SI 39-915-1622

(7)

SI 39-915-1338

(10)

SI 39-915-1654X

(5)

SI 39-915-A

"San Francisco Examiner", 4-29-41

(10)

SI 39-915-A

"Peoples World", 4-29-41

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SI 100-18476-12

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SI 39-915-1125

(10)

JGL:ema

31

A press release of the Greek American Council, 152 West 42nd Street, New York 18, New York, dated June 28, 1945, said in part: "more than twenty prominent American public officials, educators, writers, and artists this week cabled to the Greek Premier, Admiral Voulgaris protesting sharply against the death sentence passed on the three young ELAS fighters, Monedas, Bourdis, and Avcheris, all of whom have brilliant records in the resistant movement of Greece, the Greek American Council announced today."

"Among those signing the cable were Nicholas Martini, Mayor of Passaic New Jersey, Congressman A. Clayton Powell, Jr., and Vito Marcantonio, Professor Dirk J. Struik of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Professor Lyman R. Bradley of New York University, the noted Pianist Ray Lev, and Reid Robinson, President of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Works."


Trash cover maintained at
headquarters of International
Workers Order, Bankers Security
Building, 1315-17 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia report, dated 8-3-45,
entitled "Greek American Council,
formerly known as Greek American
Committee for National Unity,
Internal Security-C."

105-600-47
(9)

JGL/lp/fmh

A pamphlet issued under the auspices of the "Citizens Non-Partisan Committee to Elect Benjamin J. Davis to the City Council" announced an all-star victory show in connection with Davis' campaign. The victory show was to be held on October 28, 1945, at the Golden Gate Ballroom, Lenox Avenue and 142nd Street, New York City, and among the stars listed on the pamphlet was Ray Lev.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)


Informant report dated 10-23-45.
105-8467-8
(9)

JGL:eb

233

On November 16, 1945, it was reliably reported that Miss Rae Lev, noted pianist, who resides at 140 West 69th Street, New York City, agreed to appear as a speaker of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
NY report, 3-15-46, Re:
"National Council of American
Soviet Friendship, Inc.; IS-C."
100-146964-744
(1)

JGL:ema

On the evening of November 19, 1945, a dinner was held in the Grand Ball Room of the Plaza Hotel, New York City, by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship for the purpose of raising funds to defray expenses of having the Dean of Canterbury visit the United States as a guest of the National Council. Those present were referred to as friends of the National Council and the cost per plate was \$100.

Among those present at the dinner and seated at the Speaker's table was Ray Lev, pianist.

Source not identified.
NY letter, 12-4-45, Re:
"National Council of American
Soviet Friendship, Inc.; IS-R."
100-146964-676
(8)

JGL:ema

A letter dated February 27, 1946 on the stationery of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee addressed to "Mr. Ed Currie, Challenge, 1950 Curtis Street, Denver, Colorado", and signed by Helen R. Bryan, Executive Secretary of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, furnished a four page list of possible contributors to the publication "Challenge".

Among the individuals listed in this letter as a possible contributor to the magazine "Challenge" was Miss Ray Lev, Spencer Arms Hotel, Broadway and 69th Street, New York, New York.

Special Agents Denver Office
New York letter to Director FBI
dated January 9, 1950 entitled
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee;
Internal Security - C
100-7061-1952, p. 10
(10)

JGL:ijh:lih

Norman Corwin was a sponsor of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom along with Johannes Steel and Mrs. William L. Shirer, March 15, 1946.

Corwin was an entertainer for the American Friends of the Chinese People, with such well-known pro-Communists as Ray Lev, Earl Robinson, Lionel Stander, and Joshua White.

Testimony of Mr. John J. Huber,
Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, before the
Subcommittee on Immigration and
Naturalization of the Committee
on the Judiciary United States
Senate, 81st Congress.

62-88217-21 Part II p. 923
(4)

JGL/ema/fmh

The May 2, 1946 edition of the Washington Times Herald newspaper contained an article entitled, "Ickes Nests with Communists as May Day Is Celebrated". This article carried the by-line, Lyle Wilson. The article referred to the close association of Harold L. Ickes and James Roosevelt with the Independent Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and went on to state that the Independent Committee appeared to be a Communist front organization set up to support the Communist Party line.

The article then referred to an article in the then current issue of the New Leader which accused the Independent Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions of being a Communist front group and asks several questions for the committee to answer if it was not a front group.

Among the questions asked was "Why are other committees of the Committee in charge of such frontiers as Ray Lev, Norman Corwin, Jose Ferrer, Walter Bernstein and Florence Eldridge March?"

Washington Times Herald, 5-2-46,
100-338892-A
(9)

JGL:dh

On June 14, 1946, the Action Committee to Free Spain Now held a reception at the Hotel Berkshire, 21 East 52nd Street, New York City in honor of Dr. Jose Giral, Premier of the Spanish Republican Government-in-Exile.

During the reception a statement was adopted by a group of journalists and civic and trade union leaders as follows: "To postpone action against Franco is to give him time for further consolidation of his terroristic, Fascist dictatorship. To procrastinate is to give Franco a new lease of life at the very moment the Spanish people inside Spain are braving the Fascist terror and are challenging the Franco regime. To delay action now can only encourage the Franco regime to commit acts of aggression before September, thus setting the stage for a third World War."

Among the others signing the above statement was Ray Lev.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
NY report, 7-30-46, Re:
"Action Committee to Free
Spain Now; IS-C."

100-344523-20

(7)

SI 100-344523-10

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JGL/ema/fmh

The stationery bearing the letterhead of the Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, 192 Lexington Avenue, New York 16, New York, included Ray Lev as one of its national sponsors.

NY report, 5-18-46, Re: "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, aka; IS-C."

100-7061-1255

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SI 100-7061-1058

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SI 100-7061-1229

(9)

SI 100-7061-923

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SI 100-7061-1201

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SI 100-7061-1921

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SI 100-7061-1071

(9)


JGL:ema

A letter dated June 1, 1946, on the stationery of the New York Committee to Win the Peace contained a letterhead which listed the names of individuals being members of the New York Committee. Among those individuals was the name Ray Lev.

Source not given.

A list of members of the American Committee to Win the Peace contains the name Ray Lev, pianist.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)


NY report, 8-5-46, Re:
"New York Committee to
Win the Peace, was.;
New York Provisional Committee
to Win the Peace, Provisional
New York Committee to Win the
Peace; IS-C."
100-344437-32 p. 3, 19.
(9)
SI 100-344437-12
(9)

JGL:ema

On July 17, 1946, a Mrs. Flumm of Mahopac, New York conferred with Iris Schwartz, a JAFRC employee. Plans were discussed for an affair to be held in Mahopac, New York, apparently on August 17, 1946. Albert Kahn was to be the speaker at this affair and among the artists who were to appear were Paula Laurence, Ray Lev, Josh White and Stella Adler.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
New York report, dated December 9, 1946
Re: "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee
Committee, aka Spanish Refugee Appeal
of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee
Committee, Internal Security - C"
100-7061-1330 p. 24
(6)

JGL:dvw:lih

4236

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship announced a program on October 18, 1946, sponsoring Ray Lev, pianist, Tossy Spivakovsky, violinist, Dr. Edward L. Young, of the Hugh Cabot Memorial Fund, and Richard Lauterback, a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and author of "These Are the Russians."

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
Boston report, 2-17-47, Re:
"National Council of American
Soviet Friendship, Inc; IS-C."
100-146964-1147
(7)

JGL:ema

4351

A memorandum dated November 5, 1946, was furnished to the Bureau by an unknown outside source. This memorandum furnished a list of **individuals** who were members of the Citizens Committee for the Support of Robert Thompson and Benjamin J. Davis, Communist Party candidates in the November, 1946 election. Ray Lev was listed among these individuals.

Letter to Director from NY,
11-20-46, Re: "Communist
Party, USA - Political Activities;
IS-C."
100-3-72-139
(7)

JGL:ema

36 44

Ray Lev was among the prominent guests at the opening of the Peoples Radio Foundation's new office in the Hotel Albert on University Place, New York City, November 15, 1946.

Blind memo dated, 11-22-46.
Letter to Director dated 12-4-46,
Re: Weekly Trends.
66-8603-1-34-521
(9)

JGL:eb

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] furnished the New York Office a "Salute to Young America" throw-away advertising the opening of the AYD Second State Convention at Manhattan Center on December 20, 1946. According to the throw-away, awards at this session would be made to a number of individuals including Ray Lev, distinguished concert pianist.

NY report, 1-7-47, Re:
"American Youth for Democracy; IS-C."
61-777-34-220
(5)
SI 61-777-804
(7)

JGL:ema

The AYD held a New York State Convention commencing December 20, 1946, with a "Salute to America" affair at Manhattan Center. In part the entertainment was provided by Ray Lev, distinguished concert pianist.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
NY teletype to Director,
12-11-46, Re: "American Youth
for Democracy; IS-C."
61-777-34-218
(9)

JGL:ema

Ray Lev was listed as a sponsor of the Austro-American Council (alleged, by the newspaper "Austria", to be Communist dominated) in January, 1947.

"Austria" (German language newspaper published in New York), Vol. 4, No. 1, January 25, 1947.

Memo to Director from SAC, Philadelphia, dated 2-15-47, Re: "Austrian Activities in USA, Internal Security - C, Refer Five IS."

100-114854-52

(6)

JGL:ilw

A letterhead of the American Society for Cultural Relations with Italy, which bore the mimeograph date March 26, 1947, bears in the left-hand margin the names and titles of the officers of the society and the names of the members of its Board of Directors. On the reverse side of this letterhead there appears the names of persons described as "Friends of Italian Democracy". Ray Lev is listed as one of this group.

The American Society for Cultural Relations with Italy is a non-profit, nonsectarian organization governed by a Board of Directors who are elected annually by the membership. ASCRI is supported entirely by subscribers, members and contributors and through such activities as the Board of Directors or local chapters may propose.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
New York report dated 7-9-47
entitled: American Society for
Cultural Relations with Italy, Inc.;
Internal Security - C and I, Registration
Act
105-9929-9
(5)
SI-105-9929-4
(6)

JGL:ijh

On April 13, 1947, informant furnished a list of a proposed Adult Advisory Board of the AYD. This list contained the name of Ray LéV.

Source: Highly confidential and reliable source made available to Agents of NY Office.

NY report, 12-9-47, Re: "American Youth for Democracy; IS-C."

61-777-836-- page 42.

(3)

JGL:ema:lih

The New York City newspaper, P M, in its issue of April 30, 1947, carried an ad of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, announcing a May Day parade for the next day and inviting the public to join with the Committee in marching in the parade.

The ad also listed the sponsors of the Committee and among those listed was Ray Lev.

(Due to the normal wear and tear of the file, the name Ray Lev on the list of sponsors mentioned above has been practically obliterated.)

NY newspaper, P M, issue of
4-30-47.
100-338892-A
(6)

JGL:dh

An article appearing in the Washington Post, Tuesday, May 20, 1947, by the Civil Rights Congress, 205 East 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y., stated in a letter to Congress, "Rob Communists of Their Rights? - Then Yours Go Out The Window, Too."

One of the signers was Ray Lev, pianist.

Report on Civil Rights Congress
as a Communist Front Organization.
Investigation of Un-American Activities
in the United States.

Committee on Un-American Activities
House of Representatives, 80th Congress

61-10149-536
(7)

SI 61-10149-540
(5)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On May 22, 1947, Confidential Informant NYT-12 stated that the Communists had captured the American Guild of Musical Artists. The informant stated that among the known members of the Communist Party within the AGMA was Miss Ray Lev, a piano soloist and member of the Executive Board of AGMA, who resides at the Spencer Arms, 69th Street and Broadway, New York City.

[REDACTED]

NY report, 2-11-48, Re: "Communist
Infiltration of the Radio Industry;
Internal Security - C."
100-340922-83 p. 17
(10)

JGL:ema

5341

As of June, 1947, Ray Lev was listed as one of the sponsors of "Friends of Widows and Orphans of the French Resistance".

Source: Michel Pobers, Editor of "Fraude Amerique" (French language newspaper). New York report dated October 6, 1947, entitled "Friends of Widows and Orphans of the French Resistance." IS-C 100-348548-3
(6)

JGL:eb

A letterhead on the stationery of the American Committee for Indonesian Independence, received by the New York Office in August, 1947, listed the officers and sponsors of that organization. Among the individuals listed as sponsors was Ray Lev.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED] Memo to Director, FBI
from SAC, NY, 8-18-47,
Re: American Committee for
Indonesian Independence;
Internal Security-C.
100-346088-5
(6)

JGL:dh

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Ray Lev was listed as an officer of the Cultural Committee Lodge #691 of the IWO within the territory of New York Office.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

NY report dated 8-7-47
entitled "International
Workers Order, New York
Field Division. IS-C"
61-7341-34-330
(5)

JGL:lih

On page 2 of the "Daily Worker" newspaper for November 13, 1947, an article appeared entitled "UN Body OKs Anti-Franco Motion". Within this article there was a block which stated:

"Over 100 prominent Americans yesterday urged the United States UN delegates at this session to initiate an economic and diplomatic break with Franco Spain.

"The statement was signed by Lawrence Fernsworth, Vt., Thomas Mann, California, Lisa Sergio, Vincent Sheean, Rev., G. Moore Morgan, Michigan, Rabbi Benjamin Plotkin, Jersey City, Muriel Draper, Ira Gollavin, Barney Gallant, Rockwell Kent, Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, Ray Lev, and other public leaders and union officials."

"Daily Worker, 11-13-47
109-12-237-A
(6)

JGL:eb

Ray Lev, New York City, Communist sympathizer, signed a petition to the United Nations, on November 13, 1947, calling for the end of the Franco regime in Spain. The signers included many known Communists and sympathizers. The petition was apparently subscribed to by numerous organizations including the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, cited as subversive by the Attorney General.

Press release dated 11-13-47, issued by The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, captioned "A Democratic World Needs a Democratic Spain", made available by [REDACTED]

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

New York report dated 12-24-48, re: "Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Internal Security - C and R, Registration Act."

100-7060-473, p. 43

(3)


SI 100-7060-369

(5)

JGL:eb

Ray Lev was listed as one of the sponsors for the second annual conference of the Civil Rights Congress held in Chicago, November 21 through 23, 1947.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)


Chicago report, 3-13-48, Re:
"Civil Rights Congress; IS-C."
61-10149-642
(5)
SI 100-235070-452
(5)

JGL:ema

Mr. Ray Lev, 140 W. 69th Street, New York City, was on a list of sponsors or contributors to the Southern Negro Youth Congress, an organization cited as subversive by the Attorney General, December 4, 1947.

Andrew Anderson, salesman of the Addressograph Sales Agency, Birmingham, Alabama, who made available 12 rolls of perforated labels used in preparation of addressograph plates for members and sponsors of subject organization. Birmingham report dated 5-4-48, re: "Southern Negro Youth Congress, Internal Security - C" 100-6548-337, p. 113.
(5)

JGL:eb

6460

The "Daily Worker" of January 20, 1948 page 13 column 3 reported that Rey Lev was to be a speaker at the testimonial dinner for Dorothy Parker sponsored by the VOFC and to be held on January 21, 1948 at the Henry Hudson Hotel.

Ray Lev was a member of the dinner committee for the testimonial dinner for William Gailmor sponsored by the VOFC and held on March 3, 1949 at the Hotel Park Sheraton, New York City.

Source not given

The 1949 California Committee on Un-American Activities report, page 500, reflects that Ray Lev was a sponsor of the scientific and cultural conference for world peace, and reflects that she has given "open support to Communist candidates in election campaign."

New York report dated 2-17-50
entitled: Voice of Freedom Committee,
Internal Security - C
100-350608-27
(2)
SI-100-350608-23
(3)
SI-100-350608-17
(3)

JGL:ijh

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On March 14, 1948, an informant advised that Ray Lev is a self-admitted member of the Communist Party. She is a concert pianist and was introduced at a Ben Davis dinner at the Irving Plaza. She is a friend of Manya Kahn.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
Memo to Director, 5-4-48,
Re: "Communist Party, USA,
District #2, NY Division; IS-C."
100-3-4-6327
(5)
SI 100-332113-20
(2)

JGL:ema

The Daily Worker newspaper of April 30, 1948 carried an article entitled "Vets to March for Freedom on May Day". This article mentioned numerous organizations who were having participants in the May Day parade to be held in New York City on May Day 1948. This article stated in part "Among fifty-three leading professionals sponsoring the Arts, Science, and Professional section of the parade are actress Uta Hagen, poet and editor Louis Untermeyer, actor Will Geer, pianist Ray Lev, artist Philip Evergood, editor Kenneth Leslie, Paul Robeson, novelist Howard Fast, musician Earl Robinson, actor Canada Lee and Reverend John W. Darr, Jr."

Daily Worker newspaper 4-30-48
100-3-73-A
(4)

JGL:ijh

The Daily Worker newspaper of 2-9-48, carried an article entitled "Twenty Six Civic Leaders Join Plea to Vote for Isacson". This article stated that twenty six prominent city and national figures urged voters in the 24th Congressional District in the Bronx, to back Leo Isacson, American Labor Party candidate in the special election to be held in February 17.

Among the individuals listed as endorsing Isacson's candidacy was Ray Lev.

Daily Worker, 2-9-48.
100-25869-A
(6)

JGL:lp:lih

The American Birobidjan Committee held a celebration in New York City, at Carnegie Hall on April 17, 1948. At this celebration it was announced that at the last minute the violinist Mischa Mischakoff and the pianist Ray Lev agreed to appear at a concert.

Mischakoff and Lev appeared at the concert after Geroges Enesco violinist and Richard Tucker, Metropolitan Opera tenor had cancelled their previously made engagement to appear at this concert.

[REDACTED]

A mimeographed letter dated December 9, 1947, from Dr. Lewis Schatzov, Chairman, and Gussie Walker, secretary, of the greater New York Ambijan Committee stated that the annual greater New York Ambijan Concert would take place on December 27, 1947, at Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street, New York City. The artists listed for the program were Stella Adler, noted actress of Hollywood and Broadway; Ray Lev, imminent concert pianist, and Kenneth Spencer, distinguished baritone and star of "Showboat" and other musicals.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]

New York report, 2-23-49,
entitled "American Birobidjan
Committee, was; Ambijan, ABC.
Internal Security - C."
100-99898-111 page 49

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SI 100-99898-105

(4)

JGL:lp:lih

The "Daily Worker" of April 30, 1948, carried an advertisement of the Arts, Sciences and Professions group for May Day. This advertisement urged that artists, writers, doctors, lawyers, and teachers should turn out for the May Day demonstration in order to "Stop thought control - Stop War."

Ray Lev was listed among the individuals who were sponsors of the groups participating in the May Day parade.

NY report, 9-29-48, Re: "Communist
Party, USA; IS-C."
100-3-2768
(4)

JGL:ema:lih

Ray Lev was listed as one of the signers of "An Open Letter To President Truman" protesting the deportation proceedings against a number of Communist Party members.

This letter appeared in the publication "The Lamp" dated May, 1948, published monthly by the American Committee For Protection of Foreign Born, 23 West 26th St., New York, 10, N. Y.

"The Lamp"
May, 1948
(4)

JGL/fmh

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The "Daily News" (believed in New York City) of May 4, 1948, in an editorial captioned "32 Artists vs. Uncle Sam", stated that the Moscow Literary Gazette in its May 2 issue printed a curious document. According to the editorial 12 leading Russian artists and writers had recently written an open letter demanding to know whether the United States intellectuals favored America or Russia in the "cold war". The editorial noted that the article, appearing in the "Moscow Literary Gazette" on May 2, was an answer to this open letter. The "News" editorial said that in the open letter 32 Americans modestly admitted that they are artists and intellectuals and stated that they favored the Russians in the "cold war" and that they accused the United States capitalists of killing off our intelligentsia's freedom of speech.

Among the signers of this letter was Ray Lev.

NY report, 11-17-49, Re:
"Howard Melvin Fast, wa.
Howard Fast; IS-C."
100-327116-26 p. 38
(2)
SI 94-1-17998-805X
(6)
SI 94-1-17998-805X1
(5)
SI 100-179959-13
(3)
SI 100-354634-A
Evening Star 5-3-48
(3)
SI 100-354634-A
Washington Times Herald 5-4-48
(5) (6)
SI 100-354634-A
Daily Worker 5-7-48
(3)
SI 100-354634-A
Daily Worker 5-10-48
(4)

JGL:ema:lih

The "New York Post" and "Home News" for Monday, May 10, 1948 carried an ad sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress entitled "Speak Up Today Or Lose Everything Tomorrow". This ad urged the readers to write their congressmen and ask them to vote against the Mundt Bill. Among the signers of the ad was Ray Lev.

61-10149-A
(6)

JGL:dvw

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Fifty American women's ent an open letter to President Truman on May 11, 1948, protesting the attempt to deport Claudia Jones, Beatrice Siskind, Theresa Horvath and 49 others because of their political opinions. Signers of the letter included Ray Lev.

"Daily Worker", 5-12-48
100-3-A
(4)

JGL:ema

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61

A letterhead of the monthly magazine Soviet Russia Today, received on May 24, 1948, listed the officers and the advisory counsel of that magazine. The name Ray Lev appeared under the listing Advisory Counsel.

Soviet Russia Today was cited as the Communist Front for the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, their report dated March 29, 1944, page 167.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
New York report, 12-30-48,
entitled "Soviet Russia Today
publications, Internal Security-R,
Registration Act."
61-7374-232 pg. 5
(3)
SI-61-7374-218
(5)

JGL:lp

671

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee held a mass meeting at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City on June 24, 1948. This rally was held for the purpose of urging preservation of civil rights and was attended by approximately 3500 persons. Among those individuals at this rally was Ray Lev.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
New York report, dated 2-4-49
Re: "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee
Committee, Internal Security.- C"
100-7061-1815 p. 20
(4)

JGL:dvw

72

A new Youth for Wallace movement was launched in Philadelphia, July 25, 1948, at the end of the Third Party convention. Sponsors of the Youth for Wallace convention included pro-Communist State Senator Kenneth Sherbell (ALP - Kings); James Durkin, President of the United Office Workers; the Reverend John W. Darr, Jr.; Judy Holliday, the actress; Ray Lev, the pianist, and Paul Robeson, Jr.

"New York World Telegram",

7-2-48.

61-777-A

(3)

SI 94-1-17998-832

(5)

JGL:ema

73

The publication "Forum Und Tribuene" for October, 1948 carried an ad on page 4.

This ad is quoted as follows: "The American Jewish Labor Council presents Max Steinberg on his return from abroad." The ad further stated that Steinberg would speak on "The Story of Israel and the Jewish People in Europe Today". The program was listed for Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street, New York City on October 2, 1948 at 8:00 p.m. and part of the program was to be given by Ray Lev, concert pianist.

"Forum Und Tribuene"
10-48
Memo to Director FBI
from SAC Philadelphia,
12-14-48
Entitled "The German
American, Internal Security-C
Refer 5 IS"
100-279704-146
(8)

JGL:dar:lih

On December 13, 1948, there was made available a letter from the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born signed by Stanley Nowak which solicited funds for the defense of 66 persons held for deportation. The letterhead bore the names of the officers and sponsors of this organization and listed as a sponsor was Ray Lev.

NY report, 1-5-49, Re:
"American Committee for the
Protection of Foreign Born;
Internal Security - C."
100-7046-336
(3)
SI 100-7046-319
(4)
SI 100-7046-298
(3)

JGL:ema

Ray Lev, pianist, New York, New York, was listed as one of the sponsors on the "Call to the National Founding Convention of the YPA."

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
New York report dated 1-20-49,
entitled "Young Progressives of
America, IS-C"
100-359192-25
(5)

JGL:eb

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The "Daily Worker" newspaper of February 9, 1949 carried an article entitled "Call Parley to Fight Rigging of Juries". This article stated among other things that the New York Executive Committee of the Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions had announced several additions to cultural and professional leaders who had urged President Truman to see Stalin for peace talks. Among those listed as having urged President Truman to see Stalin was Ray Lev.

"Daily Worker" 2-9-49
100-360238-A
(3)

JGL:dar

The "Daily Worker" newspaper of March 8, 1949, carried an article entitled "Mrs. Wallace, U. S. Notables Greet Women of Soviet Union." This article stated that Mrs. Henry A. Wallace, wife of the former Vice-President of the United States, and others, had been among prominent American women who had joined in sending greetings to "the brave women of the Soviet Union." This message was sent, according to the article, in commemoration of International Women's Day. Among the signers of this letter was Ray Lev, musician.

"Daily Worker", 3-8-49,
100-146964-A
(3)

JGL:ema

One Ray Lev was listed under the heading "Music," on a program of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, held under the auspices of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, March 25 to 27, 1949. Lev was also listed as a sponsor of this conference.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, according to a report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, dated April 19, 1949, is a Communist front organization.

Source not given.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, in a report dated April 19, 1949, entitled "Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace" revealed that Ray Lev has been affiliated with the following organizations: Civil Rights Congress, International Workers Order, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, People's Radio Foundation, Incorporated, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

All of the above organizations have been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of executive order 9835.

HCUA report, 4-19-49
Washington, D.C. report, 11-9-49,
entitled "Joint Committee to combat
Anti-Semitism also known as Joint
Committee to combat Anti-Semitism of
the Jewish People's Fraternal Order,
International Workers Order and the
American Jewish Labor Council; United
Committee against Anti-Semitism, IS-C."
100-359956-13
(6)
SI 100-359956-16
(2)
SI 100-356137-25
(3)

JGL:lp:11h

A flyer issued by the Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions entitled "The Meeting Is On" announced that a meeting was scheduled for April 6, 1949 at the Chicago Civic Opera House and that several individuals "direct from the historic New York Cultural and Scientific Conference" would be present.

Among those individuals was the name Ray Lev described as a distinguished pianist playing music by Dmitri Shostakovich.

Chicago Report, 10-19-49
Entitled "National Council
of the Arts, Sciences and
Professions,
Internal Security-C"
100-356137-577
(4)

JGL:dar

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On Tuesday April 12, 1949, and on Monday April 18, 1949, the Young Progressives of America held a "Salute to FDR" meeting at Manhattan Center New York City. Sponsors for this rally included Ray Lev.

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

New York report, 11-4-49,
entitled "Young Progressives of
America, Internal Security - C."
100-359192-108
(2)

JGL:lp

A pamphlet entitled "Greetings from American Sponsors to World Congress for Peace, Paris, April 20-25, 1949", is believed to contain the names of the American Sponsoring Committee for the World Congress for Peace. Among the names on this pamphlet is the name of Ray Lev.

New York letter to Bureau, 6-21-49,
Re: "American Sponsoring Committee
World Congress for Peace, Paris,
April 20-23, 1949, Information
Concerning."
100-361031-55
(3)

JGL:lp:lih

A meeting was to be held (date not given) and called the "Idea Is Peace", the speakers to be Dr. Harlow Shapely, Ray Lev, Dr. R. E. G. Armattoe, and Professor Robert J. Havighurst, of the University of Chicago. This meeting was sponsored by Y.P.A.

Exhibit # 24
Seditious Activities
Investigation Commission
State of Illinois

Investigation of the University
of Chicago and Roosevelt College-
1949, April 21, 22, 23, 1949, May 19,
1949.
100-3-15-166
(4)

JGL/fmh

783

A mail cover placed on correspondence addressed to Mark Perper, Communist Party member, at 133 W. 44th Street, New York City, disclosed that he received a letter post marked May 5, 1949, from Ray Lev, 140 W. 69th Street, New York City.

NY report, 6-15-49, Re:
"Mark Perper, was.; IS-R."
100-332113-11
(4)

JGL:ema

A mimeographed copy of the "Call to Paris World Peace Congress" states in part "in some countries, the press, radio and political figures are openly sowing enmity and hatred toward other countries and are spreading propaganda for a new war."

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

This document also contains a partial list of American sponsors for the Paris World Peace Congress and among those sponsors is Ray Lev.

Confidential Informant [redacted]
Memo to the Director, from
SAC New York, 5-17-49,
entitled "American Sponsoring
Committee, World Peace Congress
Paris, April 20 to 23, 1949,
Information Concerning."
100-361031-17
(1)

JGL:lp

The "Committee for the Negro in the Arts" was to hold a conference on radio, television and the Negro people on July 8, 1949 at the Hotel Theresa, New York, New York. This organization stated that "Action must be taken now to tear down the iron curtain which keeps the truth about Negroes from America". It was charged that in the majority of broadcasts the portrayal of Negro life amounted to slander upon the Negro people.

Among the sponsors of this conference was Ray Lev.

Weekly Subversive Summary, District
Intelligence Office, 3rd Naval
District.

Memo to Director from Chief of Naval
Operations, Washington, D. C.
dated 8-10-49

Re: "Report on Maritime and Union
Activity".

61-7550-2317

(5)

SI 61-6728-643

(5)

JGL:dvw

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FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods
FOIA(b)(7) - (E)

On August 15, 1949, Informants revealed that [REDACTED]
obtained the address of one Ray Lev as 140 West 69th Street, New York City.
This data was obtained from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

JGL:ema

An informant furnished what appeared to be a mailing list of a reception or dinner given by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No date appeared on this mailing list, but handwritten notations appearing beside the names indicated whether the listed person would attend or was unable to attend because of sickness. Miss Ray Lev, 140 W. 69th Street, New York City was one of the persons listed.

Informant anonymous.



FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods
FOIA(b)(7) - (E)

JGL:ema

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A statement on Anti-Semitism in Germany, was submitted to the office of the Undersecretary of the Army, on the stationery of the Joint Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism. This statement was dated September 1, 1949, and stated in part "we the undersigned, representing the organizations listed take this occasion to call to the attention of the Undersecretary of the Army the alarming and widespread of growth anti-Semitism in Western Germany." Among the signers of this statement was Ray Lev, American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists.

IDA Washington, D. C.
100-359956-8
(4)

JGL:lp:lih

A "Summary of Trends and Developments Exposing the Communist Conspiracy" for September, 1949, published by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion contains a "Special Report Number 3". This report listed "United States Sponsors" of the American Continental Congress for Peace held in Mexico City early in September, 1949. Among the sponsors was Ray Lev.

94-1-17998-876
(6)

JGL:eb

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On September 5, 1949, a conference was held in the library of the Council on African Affairs, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, by the Emergency Committee to Protest Peekskill attacks. At this conference Ray Lev, concert pianist and American Labor Party candidate for City Council in New York City, told of riding in a car at Peekskill which was driven by Irving Potash which State troopers forced to drive slowly resulting in Potash being cut by broken glass.

Source not given.
NY teletype to Director,
9-6-49 Re: "CP, USA, District #2;
Internal Security - C."
100-364421-14
(2)

JGL:ema

On September 16, 1949, a telegram was received by President Truman at the White House, Washington, D. C. demanding that the President order the Department of Justice to investigate the attacks against the concert goers in Peekskill, New York.

This telegram further charged that the New York State Police openly connived with the individuals who led the attack against the concert goers and demanded that those police officials be brought to trial.

The telegram further charged that Assistant United States Attorney McGoney was derelict in his duties and demanded his immediate dismissal from office.

Among the individuals signing this telegram was Ray Lev.

Mr. David Niles, the White House,
Washington, D. C.
Memo to Director from Mr. D. M.
Ladd, 9-20-49, Re: "Robeson Protest
Messages".
100-364421-17
(4)

JGL:ema

The "Daily Worker" newspaper of October 9, 1949, contained an article under the byline of Max Gordon, captioned "ALP Registration Drive Under Way". This article discussed briefly the leading American Labor Party candidates and the reasons for supporting them.

Included in the article was the following statement: "Many of the councilmanic and judicial candidates of the American Labor Party are also leading unionists and that the candidates also include a couple of outstanding artists such as Ray Lev, nationally prominent concert pianist, and Ralph Fassanella, worker and painter, both of whom are running for City Council in Manhattan."

"Daily Worker" newspaper, 10-9-49.

A rally was held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on October 24, 1949, under the sponsorship of the American Labor Party. Speakers included Ray Lev (presumably the pianist), Paul Robeson (known Communist and singer), Henry A. Wallace, former Progressive Party candidate for President, and Senator Vito Marcantonio, ALP candidate for Mayor of New York City.

The name of Ray Lev, of the Spencer Arms Hotel (Broadway and 69th Street), is listed as American Labor Party candidate for Councilman of the 19th SD in Manhattan County, for the 1949 municipal elections in New York City.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

New York report dated 1-25-50
Re: "American Labor Party,
Internal Security - C"
100-25869-112 p. 22, 23, 25
(4)
SI 100-25869-109
(2)
SI 100-25869-108
(2)
SI 100-12304-184
(3)
SI 100-3-4-6782 p. 41, 42
(4)
SI 100-3-3196 p. 67
(2)

JGL:lih

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The complete list of sponsors of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born includes the name Ray Lev, pianist.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
New York report dated October 11, 1949
entitled: American Committee for
Protection of Foreign Born; Internal
Security - C
100-7046-414
(2)
SI 100-7046-416
(2)

JGL:ijh

The publication "Counterattack" for October 28, 1949, stated as follows:

"Ray Lev, concert pianist, runs for office on Commugressive ticket. For years one of the leading party liners in world of art has been Ray Lev, pianist, who has been soloist with Philharmonic Symphony, the St. Louis and Indianapolis Symphonies, and other important concert companies.

"Ray Lev has played in England under Royal auspices. She played at White House for Pres. and Mrs. Roosevelt and members of Congress, and yet she has long been signing so many Party line statements, and has been sponsoring or speaking at or playing the piano at so many Communist affairs, that no veteran Communist could be expected to do more.

"A mere summary of her Party line activities would run into half a dozen pages. Here are very few of the high spots: Marched in May Day parade, controlled by Communist Party; participant, Salute to Young America, held under auspices of American Youth for Democracy (formerly Young Communist League). Sponsor, U. S. Congress of Intellectuals for 'Peace' (at Waldorf Astoria Hotel last March), which State Department called a Moscow sounding board. Sponsor, testimonial dinner for Rep. Vito Marcantonio. Signer of petition for pardon for Communist perjurer Morris U. Schappes. Member, Citizens Committee for Robt. Thompson and Benj. J. Davis, CP nominees for office. Both are among the convicted 11. Speaker, testimonial dinner for Benj. J. Davis. Joined with Paul Robeson in a concert for benefit for Natl. Council of American Soviet Friendship, and another concert for benefit of United Public Workers of America (CIO), a Communist controlled union.

"That's enough to give you an idea. And now Ray Lev is Commugressive candidate for City Council in NY at Nov. 8 election. She doesn't call herself a Communist in this campaign. Just says she's Progressive."

"Counterattack", 10-28-49.
100-350512-271
(10)

JGL:ema:lih

A check made out to Ray Lev on November 1, 1949, for the sum of \$38.40 and endorsed by Ray Lev, was drawn on the account of Frederick V. Field (key Communist figure in New York) at the Madison Avenue Branch of the Guaranty Trust Co. This information is not to be made public, excepting upon the issuance of a subpoena.


Mr. John Dougherty, Accounting
Department, Guaranty Trust Co.,
New York City. New York report
dated 5-3-50, re: "Frederick
Vanderbilt Field, was, Internal
Security - C."
100-2278-130, p. 57
(2)
SI 100-2278-119
(2)

JGL:eb

A National Conference Against Deportation Hysteria was held December 3 and 4, 1949, in Detroit, Michigan under the sponsorship of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

At the opening session of this conference a special message greeting the conference was received and this message was signed by more than 100 Americans. Ray Lev was among those signing the greeting message to the conference.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)


Detroit report, 2-9-50,
Re: "American Committee for
the Protection of the Foreign
Born; Internal Security - C."
100-7046-457 p. 45
(6)
SI 100-7046-327 p. 5
(5)

JGL:ema

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The "Daily Worker" for December 5, 1949, carried an article captioned, "Sacher to Be Honored at Reception", which announced the reception to be held for Harry Sacher, Communist Party Defense Attorney, on Sunday, December 11, at 8:30 p.m. at the Manhattan Tower Hotel, Broadway and 76th Street, New York City. Sponsors for this affair included Ray Lev.

"Daily Worker" newspaper,
6-12-50, Re: Harry Sacher,
Internal Security-C.

100-237736-17

(6)

SI Daily Worker 12/5/49

100-237736-A

(2)

JGL:dh

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The Brooklyn Theater Arts Committee is a new group sponsored by the American Labor Party. It specializes in presenting favorite Communist Party artists and entertainers to the public. Thus far it has presented programs featuring Paul Robeson and Ray Lev.

Weekly Intelligence Summary, 2-9-50.
Memo to Director, Re: "Report on
Maritime and Union Activity."
61-7550-2332
(4)

JCL:ema

The "Worker" of February 12, 1950 contained an article with reference to the Progressive Party preparations for the National Convention which was held in Chicago, Illinois, February 24 to 26, 1950. This article noted that Ray Lev would join Paul Robeson in giving a concert at that convention.

The "Worker" 2-12-50
Memo to Director FBI
from SAC, New York,
2-20-50
Entitled "Progressive Party
Internal Security-C"
100-357934-124
(2)

JGL:dar

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It was reported on February 15, 1950 that the Progressive Party of Philadelphia was sponsoring a rally to be held on March 11, 1950 at which Paul Robeson and Ray Lev, concert pianist would be the principal attraction.

Frank Long, Reporter,
"Evening Bulletin",
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Memo to Director from SAC,
Philadelphia, 3-3-50
Entitled "Progressive Party
of Pennsylvania
Internal Security-C"
100-357934-125
(6)

JGL:dar

The publication "Counterattack" of February 24, 1950 stated:

"Philharmonic Symphony Society boosts another Communist front supporter. An important event to music lovers all over the U.S. is weekly Sunday afternoon concert of N.Y. Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra over C.B.S. Network. Communist front supporters such as Norman Corwin, Ray Lev and Jose Ferrer have been featured on this program in the past."

Counterattack then went on to state that Leonard Bernstein who conducted the New York Philharmonic Symphony on February 19, 1950 was a Communist front supporter and urged its readers to write to the President of the Philharmonic Symphony Society and to the Chairman of the Board of the Columbia Broadcasting System protesting the use of Bernstein over that program.

Counterattack, February 24, 1950
100-350512-301
(4)

JGL:ijh:lih

At the Second National Convention of the Progressive Party which was held in Chicago, Illinois on February 24, 25, and 26, 1950, Ray Lev, who was described as a Communist fellow traveler and pianist of note, rendered several piano selections.

District Intelligence Office
9th Naval District,
Chicago, Illinois
District Intelligence Office
9th Naval District,
Chicago, Illinois Report
3-8-50
Entitled "Second National
Convention of the Progressive
Party, Chicago, Illinois
100-357934-132 p. 25
(6)

JGL:dar

On March 16, 1950, [redacted] contacted an unidentified woman asking for one Ray Lev but was told that she was in Chicago. At that time he stated he would visit Ray Lev the following day at 10:30 A. M. On the following day, March 17, 1950, the informant stated that [redacted] called Miss Ray Lev, advising that he had some notes from [redacted] for her and other items, such as pictures. Miss Lev stated she had enjoyed the book that [redacted] gave her and that [redacted] should give [redacted] her regards. At this time [redacted] stated he would like to see her, but "it would not be good for her". He said that he would like to see her and that he does not care about himself personally.

[redacted]

[redacted]

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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JGL:ilw:lih

A peace meeting sponsored by the Writing and Publishing Divisions of the ASP was held at the Cornish Arms Hotel, New York City on April 19, 1950. This meeting was in protest of the arrival in the United States of Gonzalez Videla, President of Chile. John Howard Lawson chaired the meeting and Howard Fast acted as Master of Ceremonies. The speakers who participated are as follows: Muriel Rukeyser, Leon Strauss, Samuel Sillen, Editor of "Masses" and "Main Stream". Ray Lev was scheduled to speak at this meeting but failed to appear.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
NY letter to Director,
5-19-50, Re: "Compic; IS-C."
100-138754-601
(2)

JGL:ema:lih

Louis F. Budenz, during an interview on 4-21-50, furnished 64 names of individuals who are included in his list of 400 concealed Communists. Ray Lev was included in his list.

Memo to Director
dated 4-25-50, Re:
"400 Concealed Communists
Revealed by Louis F. Budenz;
Security Matter - C."
100-3-3297
(2)

SI: 100-63-326
(6)

JGL:ilw

The name Ray Lev appears as a sponsor of "Friendship Cargo for China". The list of sponsors in which the name Ray Lev appeared is on a letter dated April 20, 1950 on the stationery of the China Welfare Appeal, Inc. 439 - 4th Avenue, New York, New York.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh letter to Director FBI
dated May 11, 1950, entitled: China
Welfare Appeal, Inc.; Internal Security-C
100-363451-6
(2)

JGL:ijh

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, *New York* (Your file/60-90589) DATE: *January 8, 1951*
 FROM : Director, FBI *File #*
 SUBJECT: *Ray Lev*
Security Matter - C
Remymemo 10/18/50

- () The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted _____

Reason for delay _____

Note: Rep. Bureau 100-90589
and not 62-8988.
Case is maintained in unsigned status due
to unavailability of personnel. Can well be completed earlier
Opportunity to report submitted.

- () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
 () Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
 () Surep immediately.

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SAC, New York

January 19, 1951

Director, FBI

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RAY LEV
SECURITY MATTER - C
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Rebulet October 18, 1950. For your additional information, the Bureau is in receipt of a communication dated January 8, 1951, from [redacted] a copy of which is attached.

In the event it becomes necessary to utilize this information in the future, the source should be carefully protected and the material suitably paraphrased.

Attachment

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED]
JAN 8, 1951

[REDACTED]
January 8, 1951

[REDACTED]
Ray LEV

Reference is made to your memorandum
[REDACTED] about the above
named individual.

We are advised that Ray LEV arrived
at London Airport, England, from Le Bourget, France
on September 4, 1950, and left for the Hook of
Holland on October 1950. She gave her address
in the U. K. as c/o Joseph Conway CONWAY, K.C.,
6 Kings Bench Walk, London, [REDACTED]

LEV did not come to notice whilst in the
U.K.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject born in Russia on 5/8/10 or 5/8/12. Naturalized 4/30 at Brooklyn through father's papers. Subject resides at Spencer Arms Hotel, 140 W 69th St., NYC, and is a well-known concert pianist and has appeared in numerous concerts with PAUL ROBESON. In 1950 she was reported on European tour. T-1 advised subject an adherent of CP. Subject affiliated with numerous CP fronts. ALP candidate for City Council in Manhattan in 1949. [In contact with Yugoslav Consulate in 1950.] Description set out.

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All confidential informants mentioned in this report are of known reliability, unless otherwise specified.

This investigation is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant T-1 who advised that he had learned from persons high in the Communist Party that the subject was an adherent of the Communist Party.

BIRTH

"Current Biography", page 33, January, 1949, reported that the subject was born in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, on May 8, 1912, one of two daughters of MOSES ELIHU and DEBORAH LEV.

Confidential Informant T-19 advised that the subject was born May 8, 1910.

NATURALIZATION

The records of the Board of Elections for Manhattan, revealed that the subject in 1949 stated she was born in Russia and that she was naturalized in April, 1930 at Kings County Court, Brooklyn, through her father's papers.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following is a summary of information appearing in "Current Biography" regarding the subject:

The LEVS came to the United States on a visit when RAY was a year old. Because of the outbreak of World War I they did not return to Russia, but took up residence in America, first living in New Haven, Connecticut. Later, until 1927, MOSES LEV'S banatorial posts were to take the family to Manhattan, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Rochester and again to New Haven. In 1926

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RAY LEV won a scholarship to the Music School Settlement, Brooklyn, and while attending this school she was also a student at the James Madison High School studying a commercial course.

After 2½ years of high school, RAY LEV left to prepare for a scholarship offered by the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society Scholarship Committee. In competition with contestants from every state at Yale University, Miss LEV won the society's award and spent the summer of 1927, 1928 and 1929 at East Blue Hill, Maine.

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Confidential Informant T-2 advised on July 12, 1950, that the subject was at that time on a European Tour.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that the subject arrived in London, England, from France on September 4, 1950, and left for Holland on October, 1950. The informant advised that her address while in England was c/o JOSEPH CONWAY, K.C., 6 Kings Beach Walk, London. The informant had no further information regarding CONWAY.

"The Daily Compass", a New York newspaper, in the August 24, 1950, issue under the column headed "Music Box" there appeared an article entitled "Pianist RAY LEV Lives In Israel - And Learns". The article then sets forth a letter recently received from the subject discussing her experiences while in Israel.

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Confidential Informant T-4 advised on April 17, 1951, that the subject resided at the Spencer Arms Hotel, 140 West 69th Street, New York City, and that she was presently unemployed and that she had no agent at this time.

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

T-1 advised that although he had heard before 1943 that the subject was an adherent of the CP he was specifically advised of this by ROSE WORTIS and JACK STACHEL in that year. The informant advised that this official information was given him in connection with the subject's aid to the defense of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, described by the informant as a former instructor at the College of the City of New York, who was convicted of perjury for swearing he was not a Communist.

In addition, the informant stated that during the two years subsequent to 1943 JACK STACHEL, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, advised him officially several times that the subject was under Communist discipline. /

Confidential Informant T-5 advised that on July 25 - 29, 1945, at the National Convention of the Communist Political Association (CPA) held in New York City, ROSE WORTIS was elected to the National Review Commission of the re-established CP, USA.

Confidential Informant T-6 advised in 1945 that the subject was a member of the Communist Political Association.

Confidential Informant T-7 advised on March 14, 1948, that the subject was a self-admitted member of the Communist Party

AFFILIATIONS WITH COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS
AND OTHER COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

*Action Committee To Free Spain Now

Confidential Informant T-8 advised on June 21, 1946 that the above organization held a reception in New York City

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on June 14, 1946, at which time a statement condemning FRANCO Spain was adopted and signed by one RAY LEV and others.

American Committee For Indonesian Independence

The above organization has been cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report 1948.

Confidential Informant T-9 advised on January 16, 1948, that according to a letterhead of the above organization, one RAY LEV was listed as among the sponsors.

*American Committee For The Protection Of
The Foreign Born (ACPFB)

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily publication, of May 12, 1948, page 4, column 2, reported that 50 American women sent an open letter to President Truman on May 11, 1948, protesting the attempt to deport individuals because of their political opinions. This letter was sponsored by the ACPFB and included among the signers was RAY LEV.

Confidential Informant T-10 advised that a National Conference Against Deportation Hysteria was held December 3 and 4, 1949, in Detroit, Michigan, under the sponsorship of the ACPFB. At the opening session of this conference, a special message greeting the conference was received and this message was signed by more than 100 Americans. RAY LEV was among those signing the greeting message to the conference.

Confidential Informant T-11 advised on September 22, 1950, that a release containing a list of sponsors of the ACPFB Conference to be held in New York City on December 2-3, 1950, included the name of RAY LEV among the sponsors of the National Conference.

American Committee Of Jewish Writers, Artists and
Scientists (ACJWAS)

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organization by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report 1947.

Confidential Informant T-12 advised that one RAY LEV was among the sponsors for a dinner held in New York City on February 14, 1945 by the above organization.

The "Daily Worker" of September 2, 1949, page 2, column 1, contained an article entitled "Tells Army That It Foster's Anti-Semitism". The article stated in part that "Jewish and labor spokesmen charged at a conference with Army officials today that Washington is winning from Berlin the dubious honor of International Anti-Semitism". The delegation included one RAY LEV representing the ACJWAS.

American Committee To Win The Peace

Confidential Informant T-13 advised the above organization is identical with the ~~N~~ational Committee To Win The Peace. T-13 advised that a list of members of the American Committee To Win The Peace contained the subject's name.

American Continental Congress For Peace

Confidential Informant T-14 advised that in his opinion the above organization was a follow-up on similar congresses held in Wroclaw, Poland; New York City, and Paris, France, and that all of these congresses were part of a world-wide Communist inspired "peace" propaganda campaign.

Confidential Informant T-15 advised on August 15, 1949, that one RAY LEV was listed as a sponsor for the above organization according to a letterhead of that organization.

American Friends Of The Chinese People

The above organization has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, report March 29, 1944.

JOHN HUBER, when testifying on October 29, 1949, before the Sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization of the Committee On The Judiciary, United States Senate, 81st Congress, stated that one RAY LEV and others were entertainers for the above organization.

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American Guild of Musical Artists

Confidential Informant T-16 advised on May 22, 1947, that the Communists have captured control of the above organization and that the subject was a member of the Communist Party and a member of the Executive Board of the American Guild of Musical Artists. Confidential Informant T-16 is of unknown reliability, but acquainted with Guild activities.

*American Jewish Labor Council

"The Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", of September 26, 1948, Section I, Page 11, Column 4, contained an ad by the American Jewish Labor Council regarding a program to be presented by the above organization in New York City on October 2, 1948, and included on the program was the subject's name.

American Labor Party (ALP)

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, report March 29, 1944, stated regarding the ALP as follows:

"For years the Communists have put forth the greatest effort to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout the New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the ALP, but outside of New York they have been unable to win control".

The "Daily Worker" of August 11, 1949, page 2, column 2, contained an article entitled "DAVIS, 5 Others on ALP Slate For Council Race in Manhattan". The article stated in part as follows:

"In the 19th AD which takes in the 3rd and 5th ADS, the ALP has nominated RAY LEV, concert pianist, long active in behalf of peoples causes. Miss LEV is a member of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, is on the board of governors of the American Guild of Musical Artists, AF of L."

"The Worker" of October 9, 1949, Section III, Page 1, Column 1, reported that RAY LEV, ALP candidate, is "peoples artist"

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who has played prominent part in the struggle against Fascism and Civil Rights. Miss LEV, prominent concert pianist, has long emphasized the responsibility of the Government, federal and local, to develop a cultural program for the people".

Confidential Informant T-17 advised that RAY LEV was one of the speakers at a rally held at Madison Square Garden October 24, 1949, under the sponsorship of the ALP.

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, reflected that the subject registered for the ALP in 1949.

*American Russian Institute

Confidential Informant T-18 advised that according to a folder entitled "American Information Center On the USSR" issued by the American Russian Institute, probably in November, 1944, there is set out a list of several hundred names of "distinguished men and women who are endorsing the campaign of the American Russian Institute for funds to permit the expansion of its facilities and services to the American public". Listed among these names is the name of one RAY LEV.

American Society For Cultural Relations With Italy

"The New York Journal American" of April 9, 1947, reported that the above organization had a "top-heavy list of pro-Communists and even one former Italian Fascist among the members and officers".

Confidential Informant T-19 advised that according to a letterhead of the above organization, bearing the mimeographed date of March 26, 1947, there appeared the names of persons described as "a friend of Italian democracy". One RAY LEV is listed on this group.

*American Youth For Democracy (AYD)

SA PHILLIP J. CARROLL observed that the subject provided entertainment at the New York State AYD Convention held

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December 20-22, 1946, in New York City.

Confidential Informant T-20 advised on April 13, 1947, that the name RAY LEV appeared on a list of proposed Adult Advisory Board for the AYD.

American Youth For A Free World

The above organization has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report 1948, as being heavily infiltrated by and effectively dominated by the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-21 advised that a letter dated January 6, 1945, on the stationery of "American Youth For A Free World" carried an initial list of sponsors for the "World Youth Week" meeting to be held March 21, 1945, and included among the sponsors was the subject's name.

Austro-American Council

Confidential Informant T-22 advised that the above organization was a Communist-front group. In addition, the informant advised that one RAY LEV was listed as a sponsor of the above organization in January 1947. Confidential Informant T-22 is of unknown reliability, but familiar with German language groups in New York City.

American Birobidjan Committee

The above organization has been cited as a Communist-front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, report March 29, 1944.

The "Morning Freiheit" of April 19, 1948, page 6, columns 1-4, reported that the above organization celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Birobidjan at Carnegie Hall on April 17, 1948, and the subject appeared on the program.

The "Morning Freiheit" has been cited as a "Communist Yiddish Daily" by Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942.

China Welfare Appeal

Confidential Informant T-23 advised that the above organization is known as a Communist-front by Chinese familiar with its activities.

Confidential Informant T-24 advised that the name of one RAY LEV appeared as a sponsor of "Friendship Cargo For China"

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on a letter dated April 20, 1950, on the stationery of the China Welfare Appeal.

Citizens Committee For HARRY BRIDGES

The "Daily Worker" of October 3, 1941, page 3, column 3, contained an article entitled "Leading Citizens Assail Sears Ruling On Bridges". The article in part is as follows:

"The Citizens Committee For Harry Bridges protested the recommendation of Judge Charles B. Sears that Harry Bridges, West Coast Labor Leader, be deported as a 'Communist'". RAY LEV, concert pianist, made this statement: "I feel that the decision is not in accordance with the democratic principles which are inherent in this country".

The "Daily Worker" of June 2, 1942, carried an article on page 1 entitled "Churchmen, school teachers rap BIDDLE". This article carried statements and copies of protest wires which had been released by the Citizens Committee For Harry Bridges in protest of Bridges' deportation. Among the statements was one from RAY LEV, pianist, which stated "The decision, if put into effect, will be a blow to the war effort on the West Coast, whereas the Board of Appeals decision it reverses was a victory for labor and for justice."

Confidential Informant T-25 advised that according to a letterhead of the above organization published shortly after the Committee's organization in New York RAY LEV was listed as among the early sponsors of the Committee.

Citizens Committee For Support of ROBERT THOMPSON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

It is to be noted that both THOMPSON and DAVIS are members of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

Confidential Informant T-26 advised that on October 25,

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1946, DAVIS requested the subject to join the above Committee and to support them as Communist Party candidates in the 1946 elections.

*Citizens Committee Of The Upper West Side

The "Daily Worker" of April 9, 1946, page 4, column 3, contained an article entitled "34 West Siders Hit War Drive". The article stated that "prominent residents of New York's West Side yesterday warned against the threat of a third World War in a statement issued by the Citizens Committee of The Upper West Side". One RAY LEV was among the signers of the above mentioned statement.

*Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

The "Daily Worker" of April 26, 1948, page 3, column 4, contained an article entitled "Notables Score Bill a Police State Move". The article reported that "a subversive control bill of 1948 sponsored by the House Committee on Un-American Activities was scored, yesterday, by leaders of CRC in a statement to the Chairman of the House Rules Committee". The subject was listed as among the signers of the above mentioned statement.

The "Daily Worker" of November 8, 1948, page 3, column 2, contained an article entitled "12 Will Ask Medina Disqualify Himself". The article reported that prominent women, scientific, labor and educational leaders have signed a petition sponsored by the CRC to President TRUMAN and United States Attorney General TOM CLARK urging dismissal of "conspiracy" indictment against 12 leaders of the Communist Party. The subject's name appeared among the several hundred women who signed the petition.

Confidential Informant T-27 advised that RAY LEV was listed as one of the sponsors for the Second Annual Conference of the CRC held in Chicago, November 21-23, 1947.

In the "New York Post" newspaper on May 10, 1948, an ad was carried sponsored by the CRC entitled "Speak Up Today."

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Or Lose Everything Tomorrow". This article urged the readers to write their congressmen and ask them to vote against the Mundt Bill. Among the signers of the ad appeared the name RAY LEV.

Committee For The Negro In The Arts

Confidential Informant T-28 advised that the above Committee was formed at the time of the merger of the CRC and the National Negro Congress. The informant advised that the Cultural Division of the National Negro Congress, described by the informant as a Communist dominated Negro organization, was the current name of the parent organization of the present Committee For The Negro In The Arts.

Confidential Informant T-29 advised that the above organization was to hold a conference on radio, television on the Negro People on July 8, 1949, in New York City. Listed among the sponsors of this conference was one RAY LEV.

Confidential Informant T-30 advised that one RAY LEV was listed as a sponsor according to a letterhead dated August 26, 1950, of the above organization.

*Council On African Affairs

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the name of RAY LEV of New York City is included among the sponsors of the African Aid Committee. Informant further advised that the African Aid Committee is a committee within the Council On African Affairs formed for the purpose of raising additional funds to support the Council On African Affairs.

"DAILY WORKER"

The "Daily Worker" of March 21, 1944, reported that the subject was one of a group of educational, religious, labor and civic leaders to communicate with the President in behalf of freeing Mrs. EARL BROWDER of deportation charges. It is to be

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noted that EARL BROWDER was the former General Secretary of the CP, USA.

The "Daily Worker" on April 18, 1944, reported that the subject was one of the entertainers to participate in the celebration of PAUL ROBESON'S 46th Birthday held in New York City on April 16, 1944.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that PAUL ROBESON is a member of the Communist Party.

The "Daily Worker" of March 8, 1949, reported many prominent American women sent greetings to "The brave women of the Soviet Union". This message was sent, according to the article, in commemoration of International Women's Day. Among the signers of this letter was the subject.

The "Daily Worker" of September 5, 1949, page 9, column 3, contained an article entitled "Cops Aid New Peekskill Mob Assault". The article stated that RAY LEV, internationally known concert pianist and ALP candidate for City Council returned from the Peekskill Assembly in IRVING POTASH'S car and she is quoted as saying that "The cops had promised protection, but when our car had to run the gauntlet of hoodlums and the State Police lined up along an embankment, goons threw rocks at our car and rolled them down from the embankment".

It is to be noted that IRVING POTASH is a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

In connection with the above, the "Daily Worker", dated August 15, 1949, page 11, column 1, stated that PAUL ROBESON would be the featured artist at the fourth annual concert for the benefit of the Harlem Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress on August 27, 1949, at Peekskill, New York.

The New York "Times", dated August 28, 1949, stated that a free for all struggle between the attendants of the concert and about a thousand veterans broke up the affair.

The "Daily Worker", dated September 2, 1949, page 1, column 1, stated that ROBESON would return to Peekskill for another concert on September 4, 1949. The New York "Times", dated September 5, 1949, related that serious fighting occurred as the homeward bound concertgoers closed in and were met by ROBESON skirmish forces.

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The "Daily Worker" of December 5, 1949, page 2, column 5, carried an article entitled "SACHER to be Honored At Reception". The article announced a reception to be held for HARRY SACHER, Communist Party defense attorney, on December 11, 1949, in New York City. Sponsors for this affair included one RAY LEV.

Confidential Informant T-11 advised that the subject, in a letter dated September 30, 1949, to the writer of the "Broadway Beat" column in the "Daily Worker", requested that no public functions be held that would interfere with her recitation at Carnegie Hall on November 11, 1949.

*Greek American Council

The above organization has been cited as a Communist-front under an earlier name, American Council For A Democratic Greece, by Attorney General TOM CLARK, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released June 1, 1948.

Confidential Informant T-31 advised that a press release of the Greek American Council dated June 28, 1945, said in part, "More than 20 prominent American public officials, educators, writers and artists this week cabled to the Greek premier protesting sharply against the death sentence passed on three young fighters who have brilliant records in the resistance movement of Greece". The subject's name was included among those signing the above cable.

Confidential Informant T-32 advised that in 1945 RAY LEV was listed among the sponsors of the Greek American Council formerly known as the Greek American Committee For National Unity.

*International Workers Order (IWO)

"Fraternal Outlook", the official publication of the IWO, in an issue dated November 1946, page 7, contained a photograph of the subject and an article entitled "IWO'S Solidarity Center in Harlem". This article stated that the above Center is a corporation with a Board of Directors elected by members of Lodge 691. The subject's picture appeared along with a statement that she was a member of the Advisory Board of the new center.

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Confidential Informant T-19 advised in August, 1947 that RAY LEV was listed as an officer of the Cultural Committee, Lodge 691, IWO. The same informant on February 6, 1950, advised that the subject residing at 140 West 69th Street made application for Lodge 525 on December 1, 1949, at which time she gave her date of birth as May 8, 1910.

"Jewish Fraternalist", official publication of the *Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, IWO, contained a picture of the subject captioned "One Of Our Own" with the following writeup:

"Daughter of Rabbi MOSES LEV, RAY LEV, won the coveted New York Philharmonic Symphony Scholarship in her teens and went on to play for Kings and Queens, President and Mrs. Roosevelt, workers and farmers. Her 22 concerts at Carnegie Hall were played to 'standing room only'". "Frequently appearing with PAUL ROBESON in joint recitals, Miss LEV points out 'the piano has black keys and white and you need them all to create harmonious music'".

Independent Citizens Committee Of The Arts,
Sciences and Professions

The above organization has been cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report 1948. The former newspaper "PM" in its issue of April 30, 1947, carried an ad of the above committee announcing a May Day Parade for the next date and inviting the public to join with the committee in marching in the parade. The ad also listed the sponsors of the Committee and among those mentioned was one RAY LEV.

*Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (JAFRC)

Confidential Informant T-33 on March 26, 1947, advised that at a banquet held on March 25, 1947, in New York City the subject was seated at the speakers table, and that this banquet was sponsored by the JAFRC.

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SA ALBERT N. CARLBLOM advised at a mass meeting sponsored by the JAFRC held at Madison Square Garden May 17, 1948, he heard wit announced over the public address system that RAY LEV, among the others, had contributed \$100.00 at this rally.

Confidential Informant T-34, advised that RAY LEV was listed among the National Sponsors for the above organization according to a letterhead of the JAFRC dated October 29, 1948.

Confidential Informant T-19 advised that according to a printed invitation to attend the Annual Dinner of the JAFRC honoring Spanish Republicans on March 21, 1950, RAY LEV'S name appeared among the Dais guests.

Moscow Literary Gazette

The "New York Daily News" of May 4, 1948, in an editorial captioned "32 Artists vs. Uncle Sam" stated that the Moscow Literary Gazette in its May 2nd issue printed a curious document. According to the editorial 12 leading Russian artists and writers had recently written an open letter demanding to know whether the United States intellectuals favored America or Russia in the "cold war". The editorial noted that the article appearing in the Moscow Literary Gazette on May 2 was in answer to this letter. The editorial stated that in the open letter 32 Americans modestly admitted that they were artists and intellectuals and stated that they favored the Russians in the "cold war" and that they accused the United States capitalists of killing off their intelligentsias' freedom of speech.

Among the signers of this letter was RAY LEV.

*May Day Parade

The "DW" of April 22, 1946, page 4, column 5, contained an article entitled "Noted Artists: Professionals Backing May Day". The article continued in part as follows: "Some of the outstanding names in the cultural and other professional fields render their support to the forthcoming May Day Parade". The subject's name was listed among this group.

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National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP)

The above organization has been cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, report April 19, 1949.

Confidential Informant T-35 advised that according to a flyer announcing a meeting of the NCASP for April 4, 1949, in Chicago it was stated that the subject would play music by the Russian composer DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH.

Confidential Informant T-36 advised on January 20, 1950, that the Brooklyn Theatre Arts Committee, an affiliate of the NCASP, sponsored a concert on January 25, 1950, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music given by PAUL ROBESON and the subject.

Confidential Informant T-37 advised on April 19, 1950, that RAY LEV was listed among the speakers at a meeting sponsored by the NCASP held in New York City April 19, 1950, and that although she was unable to attend she sent greetings and a message.

Confidential Informant T-19 advised that according to the program of the Cultural and Scientific Conference For World Peace held in New York City, March 25-27, 1949, under the auspices of the NCASF, RAY LEV was listed as one of the sponsors.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, report 1949, described the Cultural and Scientific Conference For World Peace as an international Communist front activity growing out of a Communist sponsored Congress of Intellectuals held in Poland in August, 1948.

*National Council Of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

Confidential Informant T-38 on November 16, 1945, advised that the subject agreed to appear as a speaker for NCASF.

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The "Morning Freiheit" of May 16, 1948, page 2, column 7-8, announced a forthcoming concert to be held at New York City on May 25, 1948, sponsored by the NCASF and featuring PAUL ROBESON and the subject.

The "Daily Worker" of May 16, 1948, page 13, column 1, section 1, contained an article entitled "Noted Americans Blast Iron Curtain". The article recorded that the NCASF through its Chairman released a list of 297 Americans who have signed a statement protesting the film "The Iron Curtain". The subject's name appeared on this list.

Confidential Informant T-17 advised that he met the subject at a dinner given by the NCASF on January 18, 1951. The informant advised that the subject was a guest at this gathering and that this meeting was to honor "Peace Delegates" on their return from the Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw, Poland, November 1950.

*Peoples Radio Foundation

The "Daily Worker" of December 17, 1944, page 15, column 1, section 1, carried an article entitled "Peoples Radio Foundation formed for FM broadcasting". The subject's name appeared among a listing indicating the charter members.

Peoples Songs Inc.

Confidential Informant T-39 advised that the above organization furnished entertainment at Communist Party functions and sells records and songs stressing Communist Party lines.

Confidential Informant T-11 advised on April 21, 1949, that the name RAY LEV appeared among those placing ads and greetings in the Third Anniversary issue of Peoples Songs, according to the December 1948, issue.

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"Peoples Voice"

The above has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report 1948, as among those publications which the committee found "to be Communist initiated and controlled or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin Solar System".

"Peoples Voice" of November 2, 1946, page 32, in an article entitled "Citizens Back Davis Campaign" reported that the Citizens Committee For Benjamin J. Davis issued a statement calling for the election of Councilman Davis and that among those signing appeared the name of RAY LEV.

Progressive Party

The September, 1948, issue of "Political Affairs" which identifies itself as "a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism and Leninism" contained on page 12 the election platform of the Communist Party which is set out in part as follows:

"The new Progressive Party is an inescapable historic necessity for millions who want a real choice between peace and war, democracy and fascism, security and poverty."

"The Worker" of February 12, 1950, Section I, Page 8, Column 4, contained an article referring to the Progressive Party's preparation for a National Convention scheduled to be held in Chicago February 24-26, 1950. The article noted PAUL ROBESON and the subject would give a concert at this convention.

Russian War Relief, Inc.

Mr. Benjamin Mandel, Director of Research, House Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, advised in 1942 that the above organization was a Communist Controlled front. According to "News From Russian War Relief, Inc." released December 6 or 7, 1941, the subject was scheduled to play several sections at a private reception for friends and sponsors of the above organization on December 12, 1941.

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*SCHAPPES Defense Committee

In the "New York Sun" newspaper of September 27, 1944, and in the "New York Times" of October 9, 1944, there appeared a 3/4 page ad inserted by the SCHAPPES Defense Committee and styled "an open letter to Honorable THOMAS E. DEWEY". The open letter to the Governor demanded that he pardon MORRIS E. SCHAPPES, who was then serving an 18 to 24 months sentence in prison in New York State arising from the 1946 Rapp-Coudert investigation of subversive activities in the New York State schools. Among the signers of this letter appeared the subject's name.

*Southern Negro Youth Congress

The "Daily Worker" of November 19, 1946, page 11, column 1, reported that the subject was listed as co-Chairman of a dance to be held in New York City on November 29, 1946, under the auspices of the above organization.

*School of Jewish Studies, New York City

The "New Leader", a New York publication, in an issue dated December 6, 1947, page 5, column 4, reported that RAY LEV was among the sponsors for the School of Jewish Studies which, according to the "New Leader", is a subsidiary of the Communist Party Jefferson School of Social Science*.

"Soviet Russia Today"

The above publication has been cited as a Communist-front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, report March 29, 1944.

Confidential Informant T-11 advised that one RAY LEV was listed as one of the Advisory Council according to a letter-head dated May 24, 1948, of the above organization.

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"Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (VALB)"

Confidential Informant T-11 advised that the VALB sponsored a petition on November 13, 1947, to the United Nations calling for an end of the FRANCO Regime in Spain. Among the signers of this petition was one RAY LEV.

Voice of Freedom Committee (VOFC)

The above organization has been cited as a Communist-front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1948.

The "Daily Worker" of January 20, 1948, page 13, column 3, reported that RAY LEV was to be a speaker at a dinner sponsored by the VOFC to be held on January 21, 1948, in New York City.

World Peace Congress, Paris, April 20 to 23, 1949

The above has been cited as a Communist-front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report number 1954, April 26, 1950. Confidential Informant T-19 advised that one RAY LEV was listed as one of the American sponsors according to a mimeographed copy of "Call to Paris World Peace Congress".

World Peace Appeal

According to Confidential Informant T-11, the Third Session of the Permanent Committee of the World Peace Conference was held in Stockholm, Sweden, on March 15 to 19, 1950, and unanimously approved an appeal regarding the prohibition of the use of an atomic weapon as an instrument of aggression. Informant further advised that the Communist Party and numerous Communist-front organizations have been ostensibly engaged in obtaining signatures to petitions based on this appeal.

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Confidential Informant T-19 advised on August 15, 1950, that the subject was among the signers of the World Peace Appeal.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIESMother BLOOR

Confidential Informant T-41 advised that one RAY LEV, New York City, was listed as one of the sponsors in a booklet entitled, "Mother BLOOR'S 85th Anniversary Banquet", which was to be held in Philadelphia.

Regarding Mother BLOOR, it is to be noted that the "Daily Worker" of July 1, 1947, reported that ELLA REEVE BLOOR "is the first lady of the Communist Party and an outstanding Communist woman".

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

Confidential Informant T-19, on November 17, 1949, advised that a booklet entitled "A Tribute to Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS", 1949, contained greetings from one RAY LEV.

Confidential Informant T-42 advised that on May 1, 1945, a directive was sent to all clubs and branches in the greater New York area by the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association. This directive announced the celebration which was to be held on May 6, 1945, in New York City, to pay tribute to BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, a member of the New York City Council and Communist Political Association.

Among the outstanding artists who were scheduled to take part in this affair was one RAY LEV.

FREDERICK V. FIELD

Confidential Informant T-43 advised that the above individual on November 1, 1949, wrote a check payable to RAY LEV in the amount of \$38.40.

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Confidential Informant T-1, on April 5, 1950, advised that as early as 1937 FREDERICK V. FIELD was well entrenched in the confidence of the Communist Party.

EUGENE FRANKEL

Confidential Informant T-44, in April 1949, advised that the subject's name appeared in an address book apparently belonging to EUGENE FRANKEL.

Confidential Informant T-45 advised on April 30, 1946, that EUGENE FRANKEL, while in the United States, was a reader of Communist literature and corresponded with known Communists.


EMIL FUCHS

HENRY RICHMOND, 2014 Broadway, New York City, on July 19, 1950, advised SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY that Miss E. PARKER, telephone operator at the Spencer Arms Hotel, 140 West 69th Street, had recognized a photograph of EMIL FUCHS, who had been recently arrested as a foreign espionage agent, as being the person who had visited the subject on occasions at the Spencer Arms Hotel.

Mr. RICHMOND advised that the subject was well known as a Communist at the hotel.

On July 24, 1950, Miss PARKER advised SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY that she was repeating information she had received from a fellow employee, THOMAS RALPH, who had shown her a newspaper photograph of FUCHS and stated he had looked like the person who had visited RAY LEV.

THOMAS RALPH, switchboard operator at the above named hotel, advised that he did not believe he had ever seen FUCHS and that the newspaper photograph referred to resembled a Spaniard who visited another girl resident at the hotel and that this Spaniard was around 20 or 25 years of age.

 Confidential Informant T-46 advised [in March 1949, that the subject's name appeared on a mailing list of a reception] (S)

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or dinner given by [REDACTED]

Confidential Informant T-47 advised that [REDACTED] on March 17, 1950, contacted the subject and stated he would like to see her, but it would not be advisable. In addition, the informant advised that [REDACTED] said he had some notes and other items for the subject from one of her friends.] (S)

VITO MARCANTONIO

Confidential Informant T-19 advised on October 3, 1949, that a folder entitled "Invitation to Dinner in Honor of VITO MARCANTONIO" to be held in New York City on October 16, 1949, contained photographs of twenty-one individuals in various occupations and, according to the invitation, they "represented the hundreds of thousands of voters who are the dinner sponsors appearing on this invitation". Included in this folder was the subject's photograph.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he had learned in 1944 or 1945, from persons high in the Communist Party, that VITO MARCANTONIO was a concealed Communist.

Red Channels

The report of Communist influence in radio and television, published by "Counterattack", a newsletter of facts to combat Communism, 55 West 42d Street, New York City.

The above publication contained the following information concerning RAY LEV, concert pianist:

Reported as

ALP

Candidate for City Council,
"The New York Times", September 5,
1949, page 2.

May Day Parade,
1946, 1947 and 1948

Sponsor. Un-American Activities
Committee review of Scientific
and Cultural Conference for World
Peace. Report April 19, 1949, page
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Reported asScientific and Cultural
Conference for PeaceSponsor. Official program
March 1949.

Soviet Russia Today

Affiliated. Un-American
Activities Committee review
of Scientific and Cultural
Conference for World Peace.
Report April 19, 1949, page
54.

NCASF

Signer. Greeting to the women
of the Soviet Union, March 8,
1949. Un-American Activities
Committee review of Scientific
and Cultural Conference for
World Peace. Report April 19, 1949,
page 51.

Masses and Mainstream

Signer. Letter defending letter
to Soviet writers. Un-American
Activities Committee review of
Scientific and Cultural Conference
for World Peace. Report April 19,
1949, page 48.

Moscow Literary Gazette

Signer. Statement supporting
Soviet Union vs. current United
States leadership. Un-American
Activities Committee review of
Scientific and Cultural Conference
for World Peace. Report April 19,
1949, page 49.Citizens Committee for
ROBERT THOMPSON and
BENJAMIN J. DAVISAffiliated. Un-American Activities
Committee review of Scientific
and Cultural Conference for World
Peace. Report April 19, 1949,
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Reported as

American Committee for the
Protection of the Foreign
Born

Affiliated. Un-American
Activities Committee review
of Scientific and Cultural
Conference for World Peace.
Report April 19, 1949, page 21.

Civil Rights Congress

Signer. Statement in defense
of Communist cases. Un-
American Activities Committee
review of Scientific and
Cultural Conference for World
Peace. Report April 19, 1949,
page 37.

People's Radio Foundation

Affiliated. Un-American
Activities Committee review
of Scientific and Cultural
Conference for World Peace.
Report April 19, 1949, page 32.

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee
Committee

Affiliated. Un-American
Activities Committee review
of Scientific and Cultural
Conference for World Peace.
Report April 19, 1949, page 28.

International Workers
Order

Affiliated. Un-American
Activities Committee review
of Scientific and Cultural
Conference for World Peace.
Report April 19, 1949, page 27.

PAUL ROBESON Peekskill
Rally

Attended. IRVING POTASH car:
"The New York Times",
September 5, 1949, page 2.

American Continental
Congress for Peace

United States sponsor. Congress
held in Mexico City, September
5 to 10, 1949. American League
Summary, September 1949, volume
3, number 9, Special Report
number 3, page 5.

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The publication "Counterattack" for October 28, 1949, stated as follows:

"RAY LEV, concert pianist, runs for office on Commugressive ticket. For years one of the leading party liners in world of art has been RAY LEV, pianist, who has been soloist with Philharmonic Symphony, the St. Louis and Indianapolis Symphonies, and other important concert companies.

"RAY LEV has played in England under Royal auspices. She played at White House for Pres. and Mrs. ROOSEVELT and members of Congress, and yet she has long been signing so many Party line statements, and has been sponsoring or speaking at or playing the piano at so many Communist affairs, that no veteran Communist could be expected to do more.

"A mere summary of her Party line activities would run into half a dozen pages. Here are very few of the high spots: Marched in May Day parade, controlled by Communist Party; participant, Salute to Young America, held under auspices of American Youth for Democracy (formerly Young Communist League). Sponsor, U. S. Congress of Intellectuals for 'Peace' (at Waldorf Astoria Hotel last March), which State Department called a Moscow sounding board. Sponsor, testimonial dinner for Rep. VITO MARCANTONIO. Signer of petition for pardon for Communist perjurer MORRIS U. SCHAPPES. Member, Citizens Committee for ROBT. THOMPSON and BENJ. J. DAVIS, CP nominees for office. Both are among the convicted 11. Speaker, testimonial dinner for BENJ. J. DAVIS. Joined with PAUL ROBESON in a concert for benefit for Natl. Council of American Soviet Friendship, and another concert for benefit of United Public Workers of America (CIO), a Communist controlled union.

"That's enough to give you an idea. And now RAY LEV is Commugressive candidate for City Council in NY at Nov. 8 election. She doesn't call herself a Communist in this campaign. Just says she's Progressive."

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The following confidential informants advised that they did not know the subject: T-48, T-49, T-50, T-51 and T-52.

The Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as contacted by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, advised that they had no information regarding the subject.

CREDIT

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, in report dated December 12, 1949, reflected that the subject was single and that she had resided at 140 West 69th Street, for the past 15 years. In addition, her agent was shown as W. COLSTON LEIGH, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The following description was obtained from "Current Biography" and the Board of Elections:

Name:	RAY LEV
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Hair:	Reddish brown
Height:	5'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Eyes:	Light brown
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Concert pianist
Residence:	140 West 69th Street, New York City
Date of Birth:	May 8, 1910, or May 8, 1912.
Place of Birth:	Russia Naturalized through father's papers in April 1930.
Parents:	Father, MOSES ELIHULEV Mother, DEBORA ELIHULEV

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The identities of the confidential informants appearing in the report of SAA THOMAS J. HURLEY, dated MAY 31 1951 at New York, are as follows:

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LOUIS F. ~~BUDENZ~~

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San Francisco report dated June 1, 1945, captioned "HARRY BRIDGES, wa.; COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES; MIMEOGRAPH MATTER". (Information not further identified.)

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Weekly subversive summary, District Intelligence Office, 3d Naval District. Memo to Director from Chief of Naval Operations dated August 10, 1949.

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Trash cover maintained at the Headquarters of the IWO, as set forth in Philadelphia report dated August 3, 1945, captioned "AMERICAN COUNCIL".

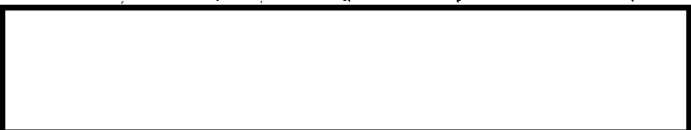
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Address book found by JOHN HERVEY
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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by SE GEORGE W. MADISON, on April 30, 1951.

The records of the Board of Elections were checked by SE CLINTON E. POLLOCK, on April 16, 1951.

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LEADSWASHINGTON FIELDAt Washington, D. C.

Will review the records of the State Department, Passport Division, for information regarding the subject, it being noted that she was reportedly on a European tour in July 1950.

NEW YORKAt New York, New York

Will check the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in an effort to verify subject's date of naturalization and place of birth.

Will follow Bureau's decision regarding form FD-122 submitted.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York, 1/19/51.
Bureau letter to New York, 10/18/50.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New York
SUBJECT: RAY^o LEV
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DATE: MAY 31 1951

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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME RAY LEV
ALIASES _____
RACE W SEX F NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED X ALIEN _____
COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____
MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____
TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____
DATE OF BIRTH 5/8/10 PLACE OF BIRTH Rostov-on-Don, Russia
RESIDENCE ADDRESS 140 West 69th Street, New York City
BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____
Unemployed (Concert pianist)
NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List) _____

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